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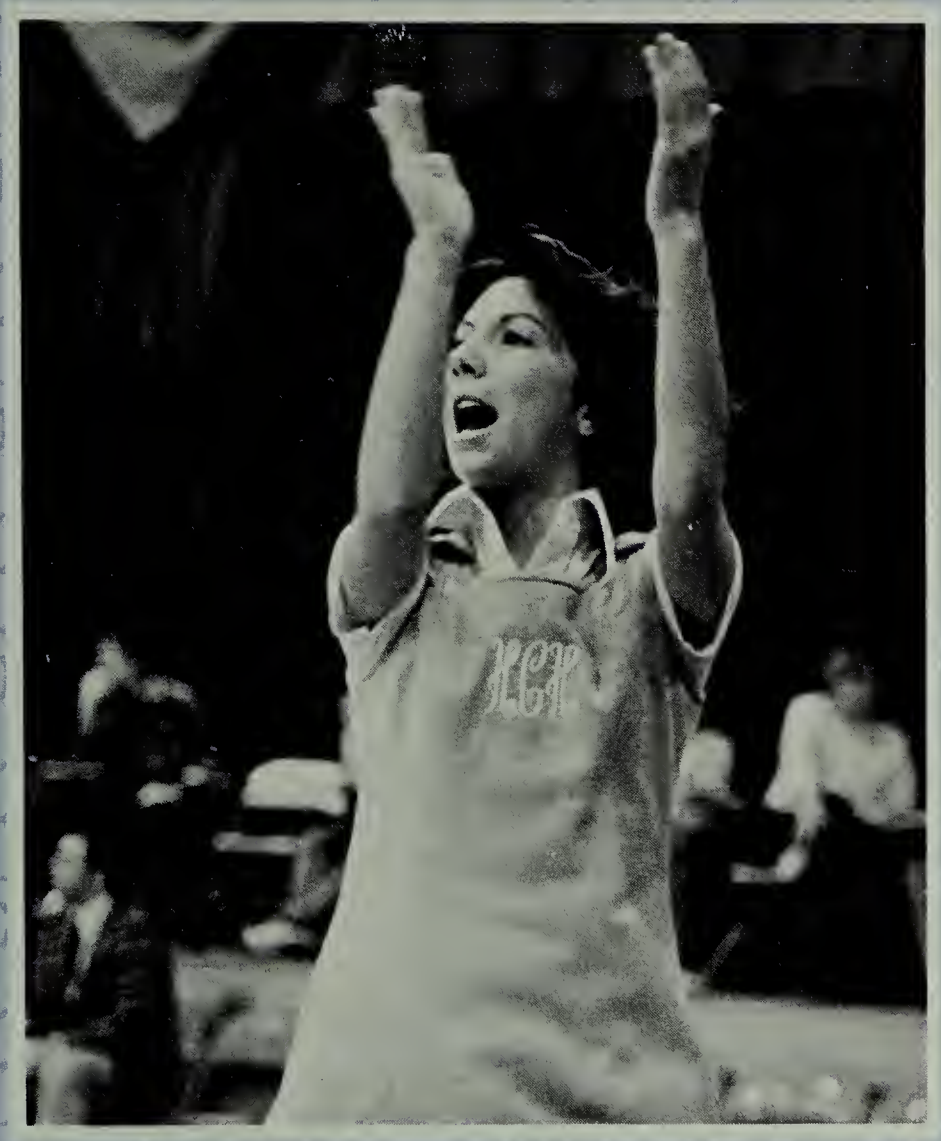

The "R" line. Barbara Regar, Mike Reeves, Robin Rice and Joan Davis Richardson march into the stadium on graduation night.

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A quiet celebration: 1976 1976 1976 1976 1976 1976 1976

And that's the way it was. Senior Amy Edmunds won on the local level in a national Bicentennial minute contest sponsored by the senior English classes.

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Patriotic chicken boxes

In the United States, Halifax County included, 1976 was the year of the Bicentennial. The nation's 200th birthday was celebrated using everything from the tall ships and fireworks of July 4 to red, white and blue chicken boxes from Colonel Sanders.

Though there wasn't a rabid fever of Bicentennial patriotism running through our veins, the year's big event was evident in the year's activities. "Dawn's Early Light" was the theme of the prom, seniors taped Bicentennial minutes and two representatives attended a reenactment of the 1st Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

Although its novelty dissipated a little as the year wore on and people began to cease waving flags, the Bicentennial wasn't forgotten.

The Bicentennial was, and will be, the most remembered occasion of 1976.

Library celebration. Mrs. Thelma Crowder and the other librarians maintained a monthly display of books dealing with America's 200th birthday.

Historic break. "We the People," a commemorative play recounting the life of frontiersman Daniel Morgan, added a Bicentennial touch to assembly schedule.

Commander of the prom. "General" Terry Holt and Mrs. Eunice Holt greet several of the band members as they arrive at the Bicentennial Junior-Senior Prom. Mr. Holt was in charge of the annual event.

Let's hear it for the ladies! 1976 1976 1976 1976 1976 1976

Sherry Talbott

Acting farmer. History was made for women's lib as Mary Seamster was the first girl ever to join the FFA club. Mary, active in drama, tried out for the spring production.

Top lady. Senior Regina Morton leads the way as the girls dominated class offices. All the presidents were girls.

Telephone interview. Managing editor for the "Star" Janet Hailey talks to her news source. Publications were dominated by females.

Man's world no more

Pink overcame blue as the 1975 International Year of the Woman crept into 1976 causing an obvious change in the senior high system.

In the overall spectrum, females outnumbered males in the school's enrollment; and women headed all three classes, all three major publications and the marching band.

"Bold" took the place of "traditional" as girls entered new areas of competition. In the world of sports, one girl set the pace for female runners on a previously all-male indoor track team, and the baseball team almost gained a diamond doll.

Green thumbs do not always grow upon male hands as another female proved when she joined the Future Farmers of America and worked to win contests. She did too.

Men had better get to work or accept the change because "It's a man's world" is quickly becoming a forgotten statement.

Students do care: 1976 1976 1976 1976 1976 1976 1976 19

Budget balancing. At a special assembly, Dr. L. M. Venable and students discuss problems concerning the proposed budget cuts.

Worried look. The new budget cuts were the topic of discussions and debates among students. Marshall Slayton and Joe Exum discuss the topic before Journalism I class begins.

The budget cut capers

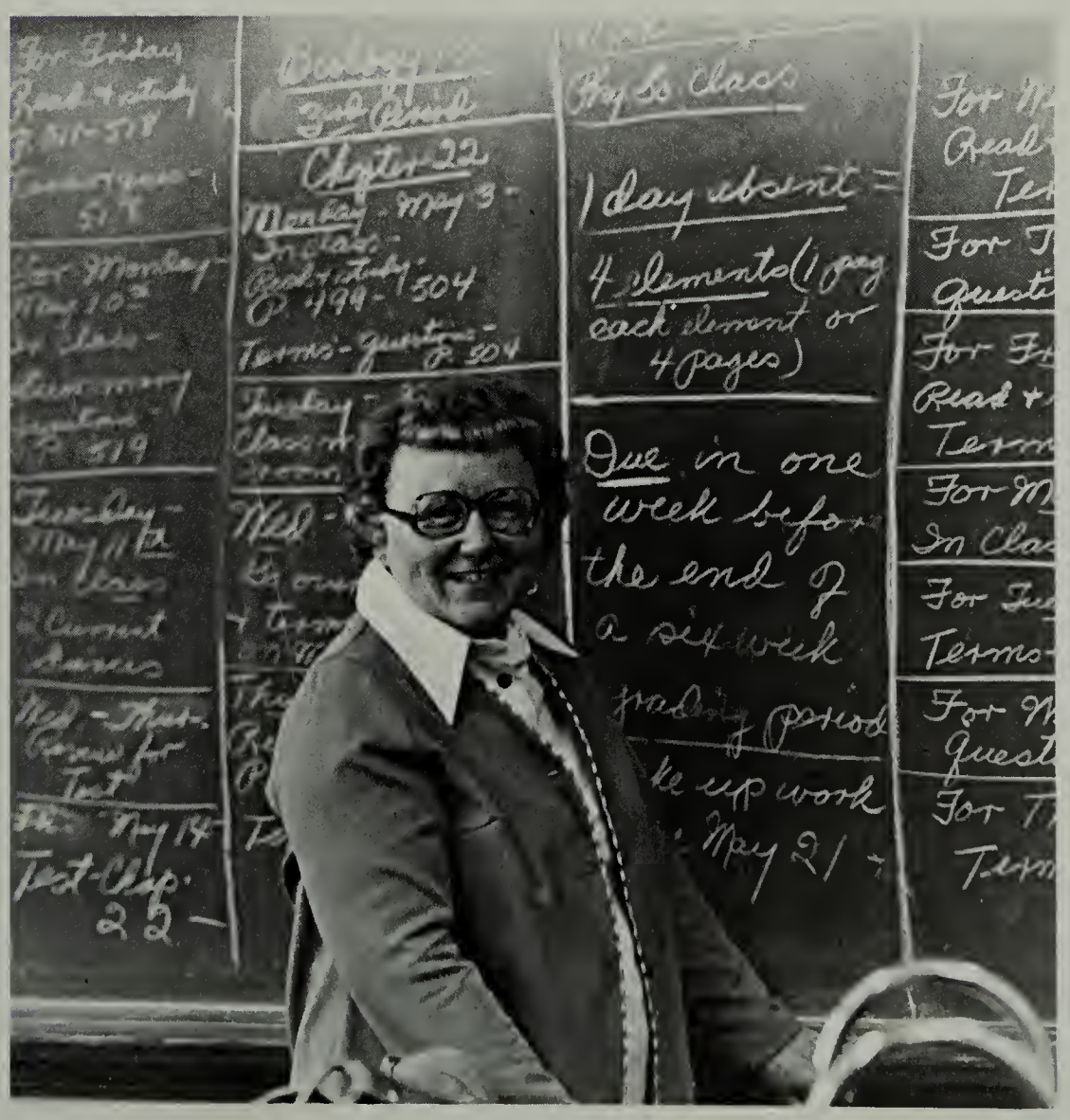
If there was ever apathy here, it completely disappeared this fall as students united to fight the cutback in extracurricular activities threatened by a decrease of state school funds.

Petitions were circulated and sent to the school board. A few students even threatened a walk-out, so Dr. Venable called an assembly of all students to "calm them down."

Another effect of the budget cut was that no substitute teachers were hired; regular teachers filled in during planning periods.

As it turned out, these "new" substitutes were the only noticeable effect of the cutback. The threat to cut activities disappeared, but the fact that the students can and do care about their school was apparent.

Serious faces, serious business. Mr. James Edmunds, a member of the Board of Supervisors, explains the board's position and the effects of the budget cut to an anxious body of SCA representatives.



Built-in substitutes. Mrs. Mary Davis **(above)** and Mrs. Elizabeth Brade fill in for absent science and business teachers when the budget cut prohibited the hiring of substitute teachers.

Tradition plays a major role in any school's operation and HCSH is no exception. However, 1976 saw several time-honored events cancelled and others threatened. The Homecoming parade, a fall institution, was eliminated as school officials cited club apathy as the culprit. At Christmas, the Snow Ball followed the parade into the past as an early, unexpected start of Christmas vacation caused its cancellation. With the cuts in the state education budget came spring, bringing talk of no more extra-curricular activities and no prom. Somehow, this was averted and the crisis that united the entire student body was solved. Even with the noticeable absence, or almost absence, of these events, the handful of traditions remaining were enough to make the year one to remember.

The year the traditions became the 'almosts'

Suspended again? This 'possum, a springtime intruder, is unwillingly escorted off the school grounds by Elbert Pool.

And now from our sponsors. Larry Hill, Yolanda Gomes and Marvin Fallen discuss Talent Show commercials with directors Miss Cheryl Ferguson and Mr. Leon Palmer.

Cutting class and crepe paper. Matt Skerl, Sandy Talbott, Donna Talbott, Charlotte Crews and Marshall Slayton hang streamers in prom day preparations.

Summer

The excitement soon wears off as the season wears on

The last bells on June 7 rang in the liberating season of summer. Students were now free for three months: free from book reports, science labs, algebra assignments and history tests. Their time could now be devoted to more important things: sleeping, swimming and sunning, catching up on "All My Children," searching for something to do, "cruising" full time and simple lazy loafing. Vacations were taken to the usual beach, mountains, New York or New Jersey or almost anywhere to escape from Halifax County.

Many people gave up their free time when they became trapped by the regimen of a job. The money was nice but some days it was more than a little hard to concentrate on work.

As summer wore on, its novelty began to wear off. By the time school bells rang again on September 8, though no one truly American would admit it, some were actually glad to be back.

Sweating pounds off. Varsity football assistant Ron Ramsey smirks while scouting two of his players in preseason practice. Summer meant preparation to the fall athletic teams.

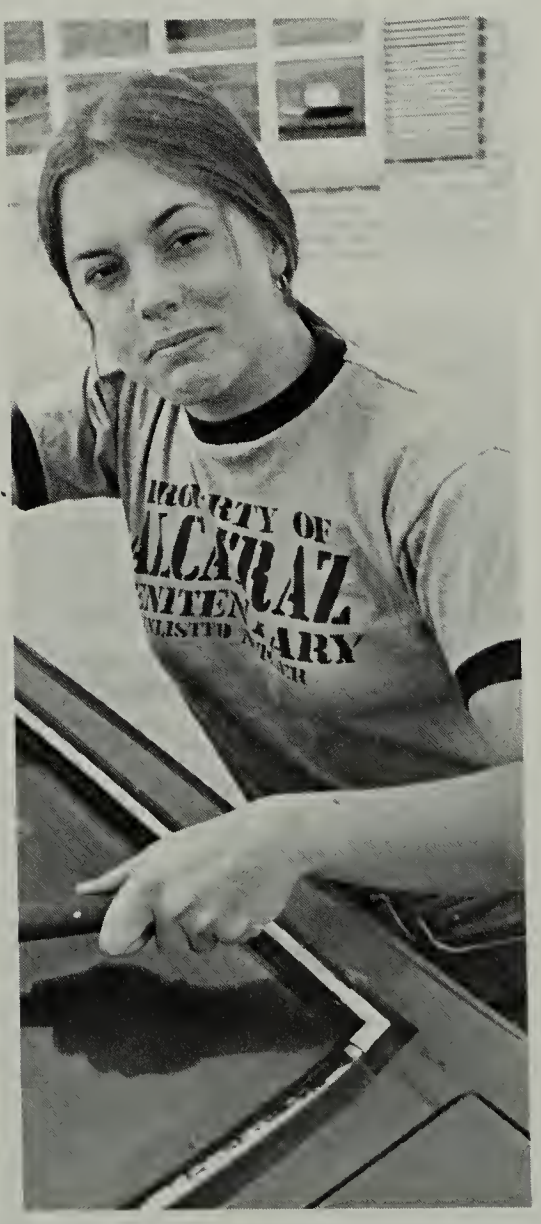
"The Young and the Gifted." Beth Spencer, Terry Burkholder and Eva Dillard were selected among 425 other outstanding Virginia students to attend the 1976 Governor's School for the Gifted.

Sea of tobacco. The chief product and job provider of Halifax County seems to swallow James Gray Duffie and his horse as they prepare another year's crop.

Left foot, right foot. Six anxious girls try out for majorettes while last year's members watch and assist. The drill corps was chosen early to get a head start on the year's practice.

The milkman cometh. Sterling Edmunds, a summer milkman for the Blue Ribbon Creamery, stocks one in a long line of dairy cases at Big Star.

Time out. In the heat of summer, Judy Allen finds her backyard a good place to put her feet up and relax.



Grease monkey? Anne Benassi answered a want ad for "someone who looked good in a skirt" and ended up washing windshields and pumping gas at Centerville Texaco.

T-shirt twosome. Many students wore T-shirts all year round. Randy Knutti and Gary Lehew express themselves through their choice of shirts.

CB's and no knees

Levi's. T-shirts. Nearly every sophomore, junior and senior owned at least one pair of Levi's (with the original tag) and several T-shirts for those drab Mondays when one hated to leave the bed. T-shirts were striped, solid with pictures or sayings on them, or just plain blue, plain pink, whatever. Both guys and gals wore Dock-siders, Wallabys, Earth shoes, cowboy boots and, when hot enough, flip-flops. Of course, girls also wore Dr. Scholl sandals and platformed sandals.

If a girl wanted a date for Saturday night, she wore knee-length skirts and dresses all week. Mini-skirts were out just as were go-go boots three years ago. The style was big dresses that looked like potato sacks and big pocketbooks that carried everything from lunch to notes to books. To impress the girls, guys wore pull-over sweaters, jersey or western-cut shirts with jeans

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Glasses galore. Senior Kate Mapp shows that glasses can be attractive as well as useful.

Proud model. Evonne Thorpe shows her halter dress and shawl which she made in clothing occupations for the spring revue. Other clothes were shown at the assembly, including an entire wedding ensemble.

Casual lunch. Jeans and T-shirts or tie shirts are comfortable clothes to wear while eating lunch outside. Ann and Susan Williams eat a picnic lunch on the front lawn on a warm day.

Denim dreamer. Sam Goode relaxes in the gym in his denim pants and jacket. He was just another of the jean crowd.

Boogie fever. Blue jeans proved to be the most popular clothes at the Topsy Turvy. Patrice Fitzgerald and Larry Hill find they can do the latest steps in comfortable clothes.

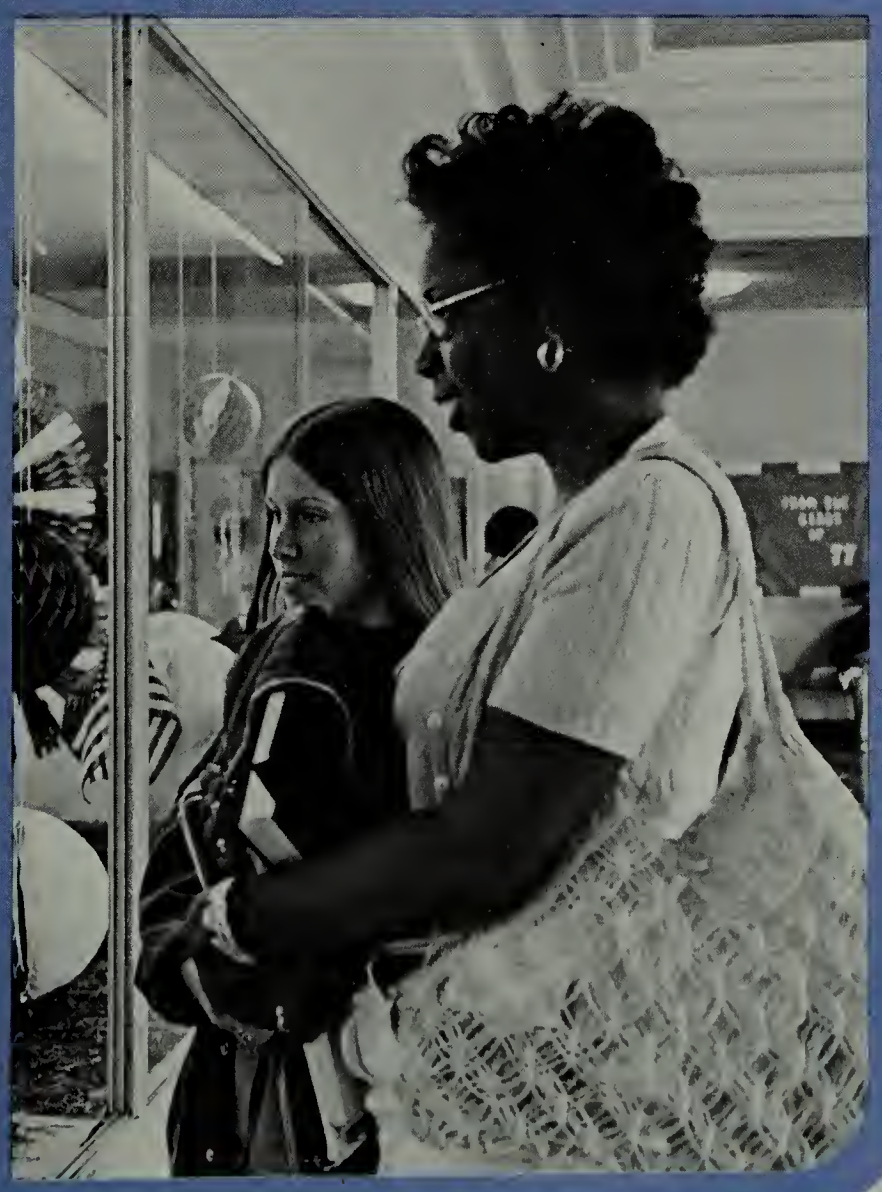
Pastels and prints. Brightly printed blouses out-distanced the traditional white. Debbie Womack and Karen Meadows display their fashions before an assembly.

Superstar. A little dressier than a T-shirt, the sport shirt proved to be casual enough for senior Ricky Rowland, who liked the look and feel of the free and easy style.

Nostalgia craze. Bruce Lee is one student who appreciates the beauty of an antique. Several members of the student body and faculty were old car buffs.

Breaker, breaker. CB radios became a big trend across the nation. Sput Jones was only one of the students who thought learning the lingo was worthwhile.

Instant curls. Boys began to take more of an interest in their hair styles by having permanents or stylish cuts. David Wallwork, who opted for a perm, and Suzanne Paulette listen to the latest gossip at lunch.



CB's and no knees

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painter pants or dress pants. Jeans were not just blue; they were also beige. Colored corduroy Levi's were quite popular too.

Shorter hair became more and more frequent. Male and female haircuts were the same: short and layered or short and curly. A few brave guys even got perms.

CB radios also made quite a big hit with the high school students. Looking across the parking lot and finding CB antennas was a common sight.

Bangle bracelets and short necklaces were worn with almost every outfit; scarfs, too, helped make the look more together. Several boys wore leather and beaded chokers around their necks. Mood rings revealed tenseness or happiness.

Bag fad. Large pocketbooks became increasingly popular among female students and teachers. Anita Kipps and Jackie Venable, one who chose the new look, admire the prom showcase.

Majorette delight. Wanda Blount, Cynthia Smith, Carolyn Leigh and JoAnne Wilkins perform the traditional and popular fire twirling routine during halftime.

Crowning moment. Co-captains PeeWee Bales, Kent Poindexter, Marvin Fallen and Mark Sompayrac have the honor of crowning Yolanda Gomes the 1975 Homecoming Queen. Her escort is Dwight Muse.

Homecoming beauties. The Homecoming Court consists of **(seated)** Gwen Guthrie, Susan Puryear and Queen Yolanda Gomes. **Standing** are sophomore attendants Kim Hastings, Lisa Logan, Mary Crews; junior class attendants Bonita Oakley, Dawn Rogers and Karen Graves.

Swinging and swaying. Students dance to the music of "Celebration" at the Homecoming dance, sponsored by the SCA.

Was it just another football game?

Did Homecoming without a parade turn Homecoming into another dull Friday with just another football game? The student body's answer was generally "yes."

One of the major reasons given for the cancellation of the parade was that teachers felt there were too many "lookers-on" and not enough workers.

There was also an apparent lack of interest in clubs which led to the cancellation of the parade. "Without clubs to participate in the float building, there was actually no parade to call off," commented David Dunn, SCA adviser.

Parade or no parade, as much school spirit as could be mustered was put into the remaining Homecoming activities. Homecoming Queen Yolanda Gomes was crowned and given roses by Co-captains Marvin Fallen and Mark Sompayrac.

After the crowning of the queen, the band performed a special show for the Homecoming court.

The break in tradition did not seem to hinder the performance and enthusiasm of the football team. They posted their first district win against the Homecoming opposition, Pulaski, 34 to 14.

After the football game there was the traditional Homecoming dance. Although filled with apathy, disappointment and the loss of tradition, students still enjoyed "cutin' a step or two."

Homecoming wasn't a total loss after-all.

Struggling Comet. Corwin Word fights for extra yardage against Pulaski in the Homecoming game. The Comets defeated the Cougars, 34-14.

Let's bump and boogie the whole

Students often felt they could barely make it through just one day of school. If you were to ask one to come back at night the answer would most likely be, "No way!" But it became a different story when something special was happening, such as a school dance.

Feelings changed because they faced a dance floor, music and fun instead of pencils, papers and books. Of course, there was still student discipline. Principals and teachers chaperoned the dance and sometimes even ended up on the floor dancing themselves.

Friends danced to the beats of rock and roll at the Topsy Turvy dance in which the girls asked their favorite guys out for the night. You may have caught a few doing the "bump", the "hustle", or maybe just "their own thing" at the cheerleaders' beginning-of-school "get-together."

Then there was the VICA dance when rap sessions became more popular in the lobby. Smiling faces gathered in their own little groups while others ran straight to the refreshment tables to quench their thirst.

As the music got louder and the feet got weaker, the end of the dance arrived sooner than expected. It was usually much too early to return home so students ended a great night by going elsewhere and making parties of their own.

Great time. Ricky Rowland and Dawn Rogers rock to the sounds of 'Sandcastle' at the VICA Club dance, an annual event for club members and their guests

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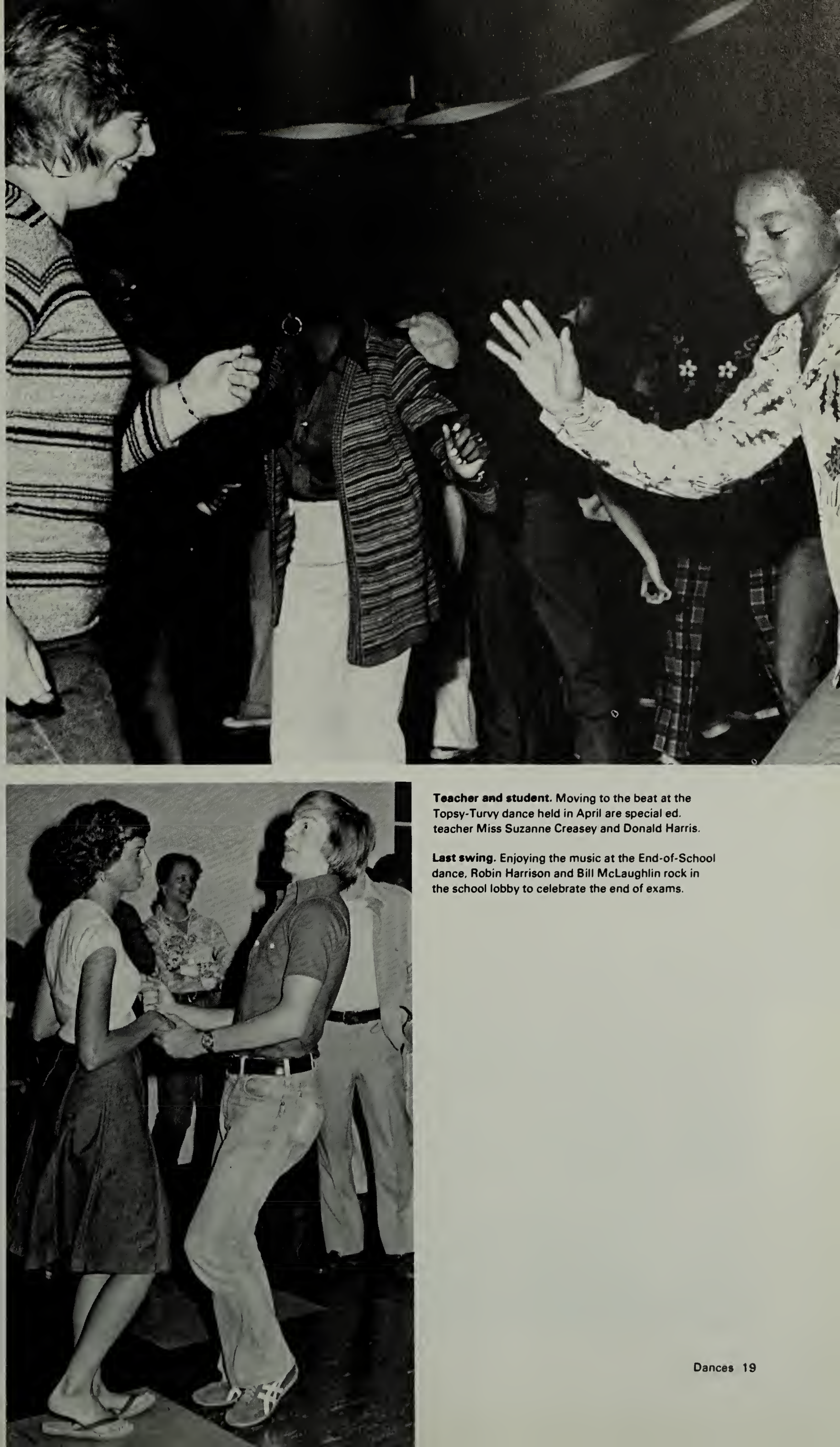


Teacher and student. Moving to the beat at the Topsy-Turvy dance held in April are special ed. teacher Miss Suzanne Creasey and Donald Harris.

Last swing. Enjoying the music at the End-of-School dance, Robin Harrison and Bill McLaughlin rock in the school lobby to celebrate the end of exams.

Santa brings early vacation

A hug for Santa. Vice-principal Mr. Larry Clark has to earn his Christmas present by sitting on Santa's (alias Coach Starnes) lap at the Christmas assembly.

Christmas parade. Although there was no snow, the band played one of the all time favorite Christmas songs for the thousands of people who came for the annual Christmas parade in South Boston.

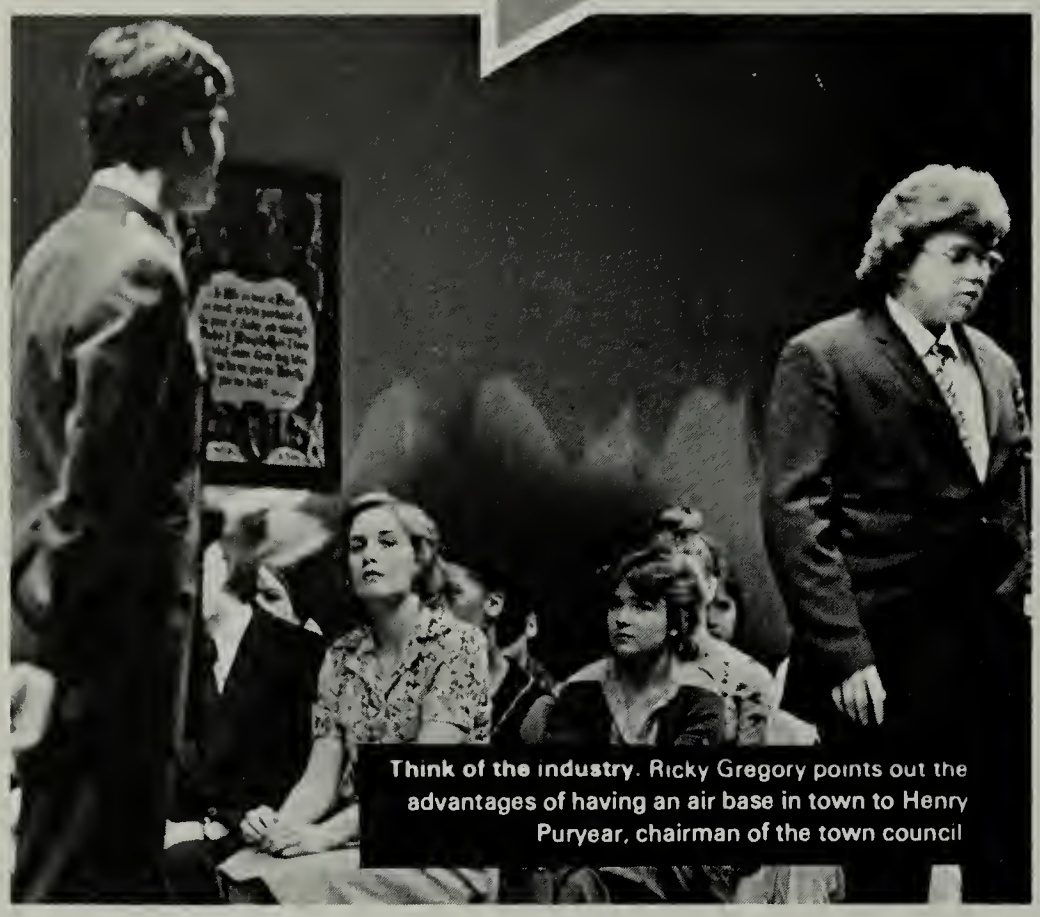
Float agony. Christmas angel Bonnie Conner displays a face of utter pain while riding on the Modern Music Master's float with Deborah Prevett and Antoinette Satterfield.

Santa Claus came a little early bringing two more days of vacation to all. Students were happy, but two annual Christmas events had to be left off the calendar because of the early break. The Snowball Dance was scheduled, but had to be cancelled because the school had been closed. Homeroom presidents did not have time to decorate the doors before December 19 so this was cancelled also. Although those special features were dropped, a Christmas assembly was squeezed in with Santa making a grand appearance and bringing a few gifts. To the secretaries, he brought gift certificates; and to the principal and vice-principals, he presented savings bonds. As an extra bonus for being good administrators, he gave Dr. Venable an "I Can't Believe It's a Girdle" girdle; to Mr. Clark, a pair of platform shoes; to Mr. Furches, a pair of red socks "to match his red neck"; to Mr. Vanney, 365 Hardee hamburgers "for all of the hungry athletes" and to Mr. Wilson, a toy bus "to play with on the weekends."

That's funny! While underclassmen watch Santa give out gifts, seniors are allowed to sit in the chairs during the Christmas assembly.

Yule devotions. Junior Della Bowman reads devotions to open the Christmas assembly sponsored by the SCA.

'Rally 'Round



Think of the industry. Ricky Gregory points out the advantages of having an air base in town to Henry Puryear, chairman of the town council

'Break a leg' and all that show biz stuff

The house lights were turned down low and backstage two dozen hearts were pounding madly away, and with good reason. It was March 19, opening night, two minutes before curtain time. Several "actors-to-be," along with a few more experienced performers, were about to make their debut in "Rally 'Round the Flag, Boys!"

The curtains finally opened and Ricky Gregory, who played an army officer named Guido DiMaggio who served as narrator of the story, introduced the audience to the characters in the play. The spring production of the Drama Department was on!

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Redneck Redcoats. Dressed as British soldiers, Marvis Trent, Tom Mapp, Leonardo Powell and Tom Snead get ready to fight for their gals, Patricia Parson and Mary Bostick.

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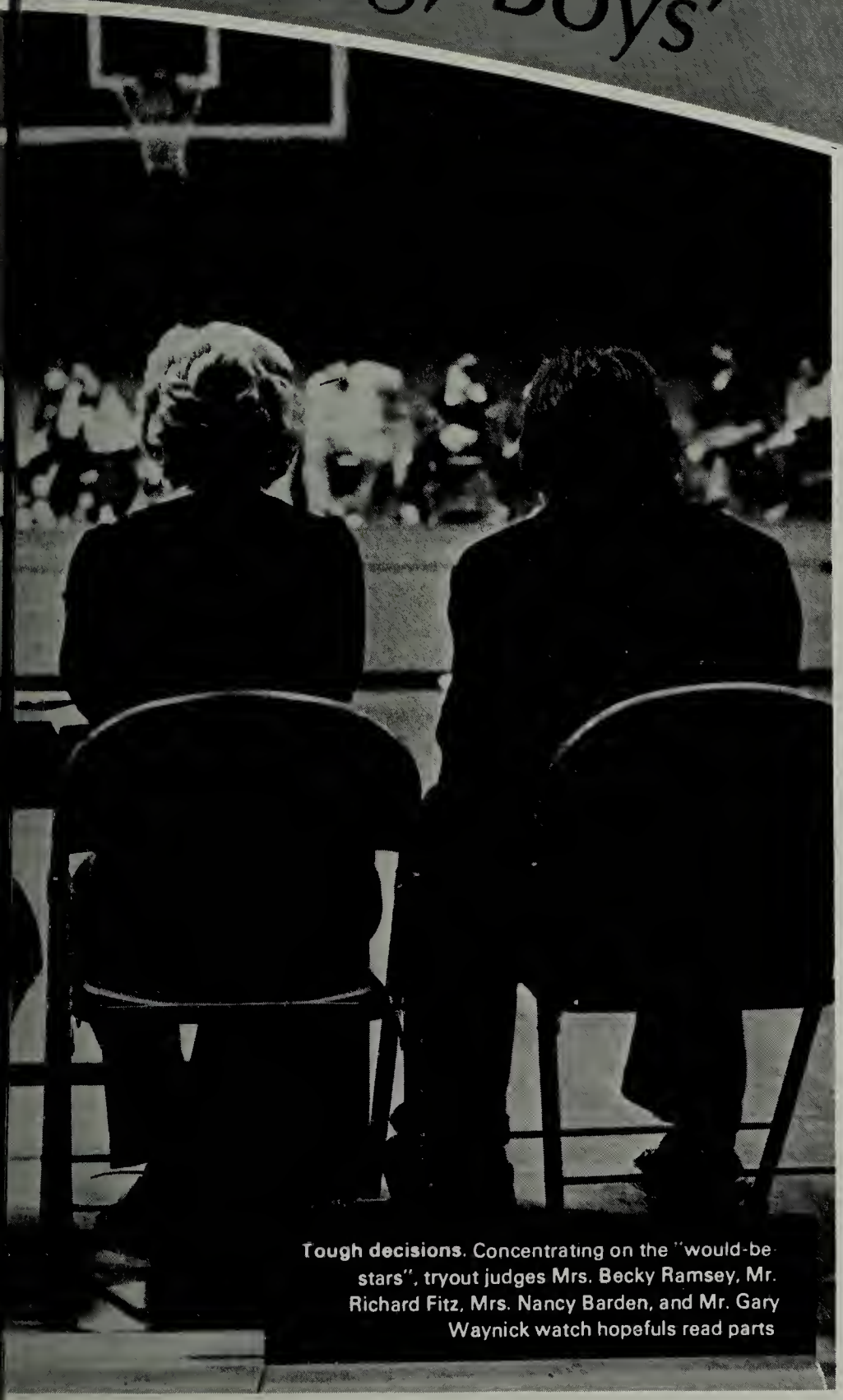
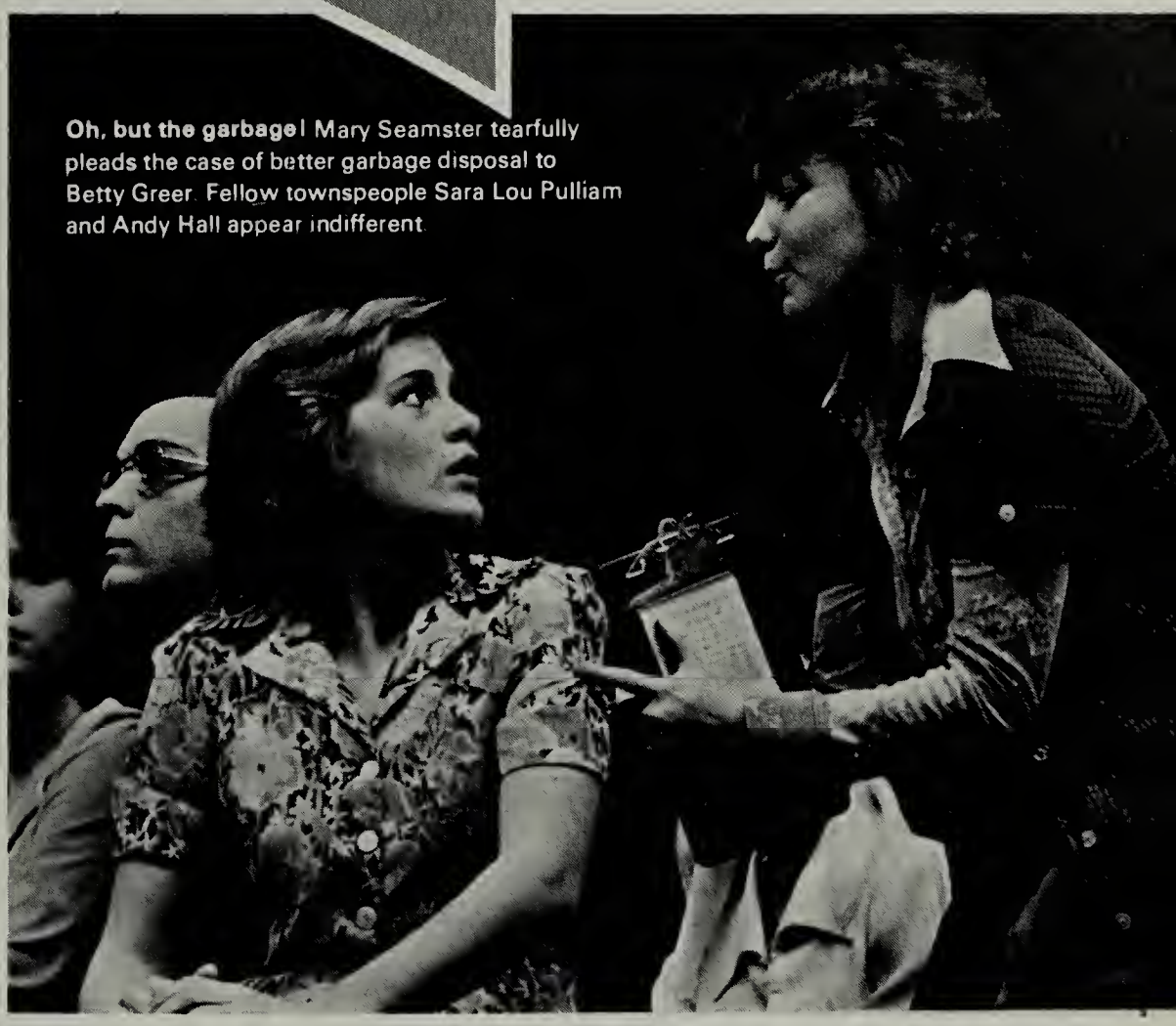


Tough decisions. Concentrating on the "would-be stars", tryout judges Mrs. Becky Ramsey, Mr. Richard Fitz, Mrs. Nancy Barden, and Mr. Gary Waynick watch hopefuls read parts

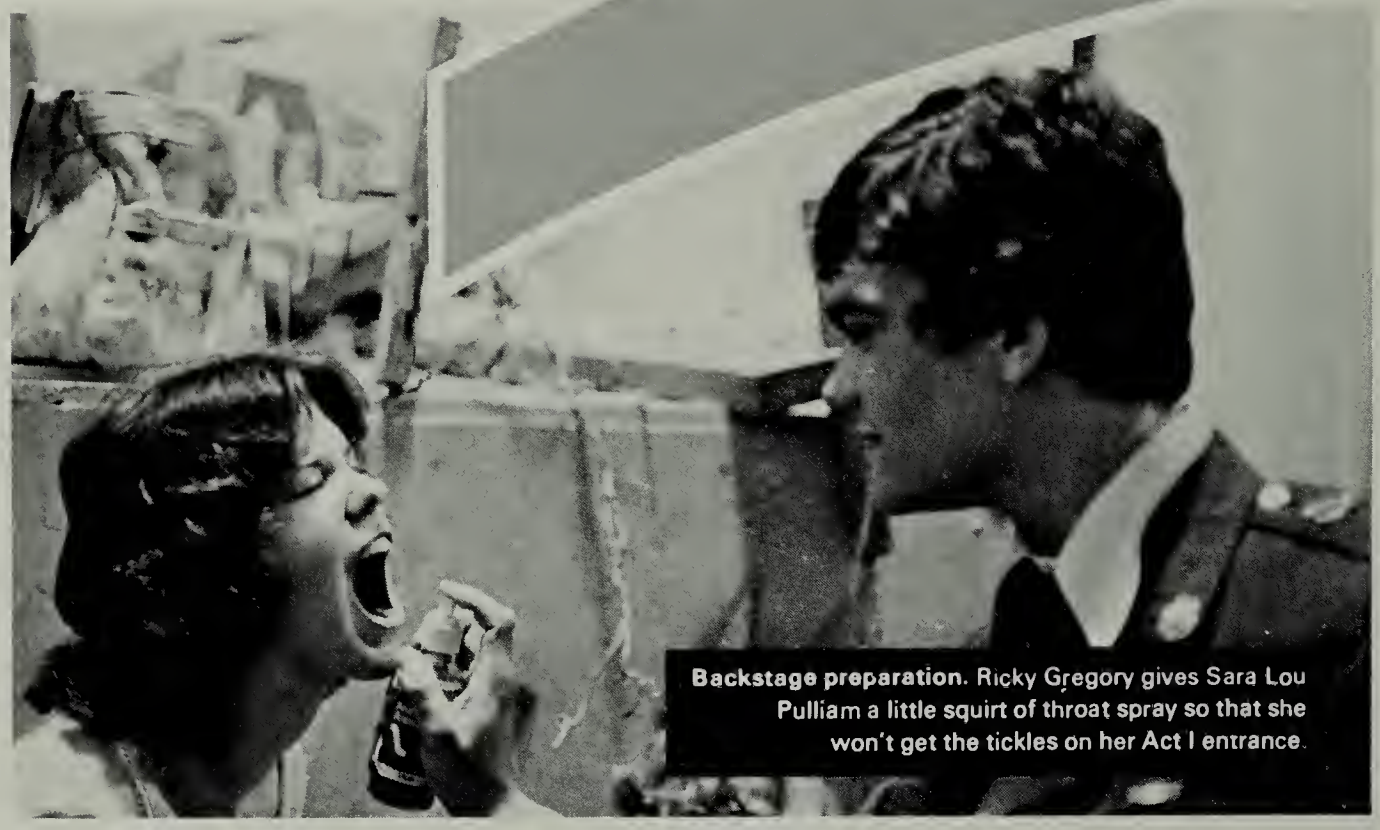


Oh, but the garbage! Mary Seamster tearfully pleads the case of better garbage disposal to Betty Greer. Fellow townspeople Sara Lou Pulliam and Andy Hall appear indifferent.

Marriage maybe? Ricky Gregory looks a bit skeptical as his sometimes girlfriend Sara Lou Pulliam rambles about plans for their future.

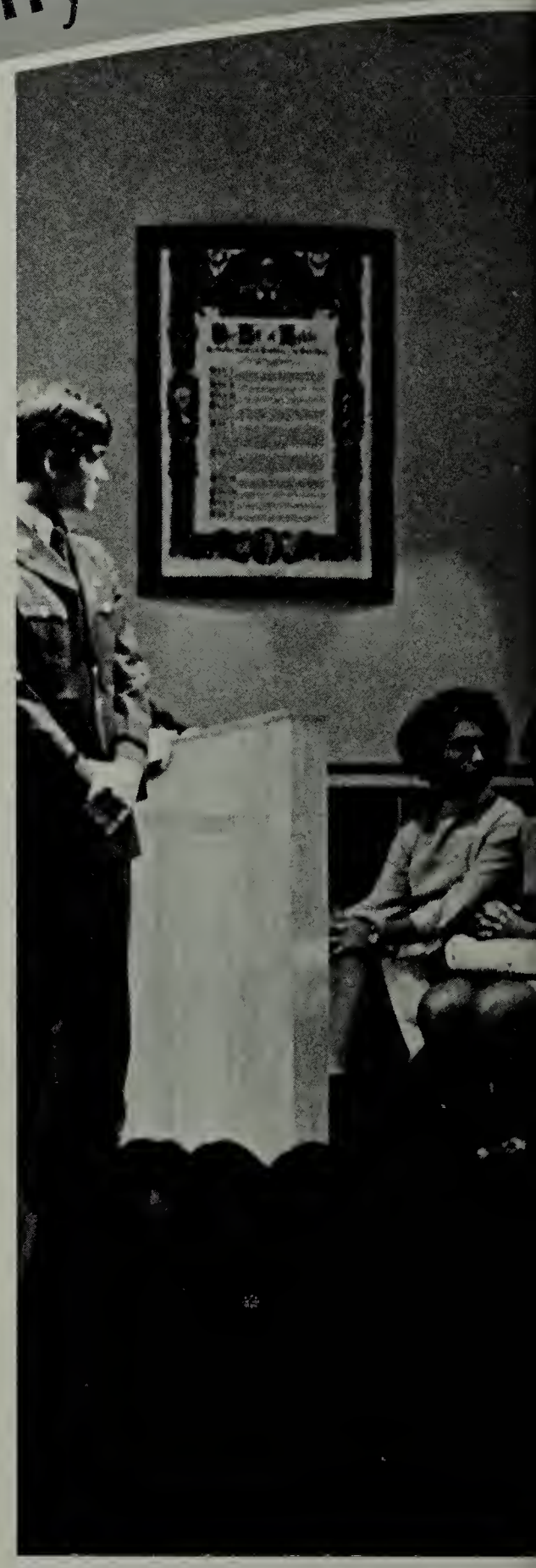
Yes, dear. Playing the role of an incurable committee woman, Betty Greer explains her latest plans to her husband, Andy Hall.

'Rally 'Round



Backstage preparation. Ricky Gregory gives Sara Lou Pulliam a little squirt of throat spray so that she won't get the tickles on her Act I entrance.

And that's a fact. Showing Mark Sompayrac that she backs up her words with muscles, Patricia Parson threatens to sock him if he tries anything else.



And awa-a-a-a-ay we go. Final bows turn out to be a little hectic for cast members Tim Clark, Mary Crowder, Betty Barker, Mary Seamster, Sheila Tucker and Vanessa Ragsdale.

Opening scene. As the curtains open to show a town meeting, Betty Barker rises to point out the importance of real estate to the town's economy.

Town toughies. Ringleader Mark Sompayrac explains the best ways to treat a girl to Harvey Chambers, Lee Pugh, and Kenneth Leggett.

They say that it gets in your blood

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After two more performances, the result of long months of practices was finished, and many actors discovered with dismay that their short-lived acting career had come to an end. They had worked hard, devoting three or four nights a week to play practice. Homework was hastily done between scenes or not done at all. Spare time had become a thing of the past, but now it was all over.

The more than thirty cast members stepped out of the magic spotlights and changed army uniforms or Mama's old shoes for blue jeans and loafers. Some had never been on a stage before the January tryouts but now were dreaming of future triumphs in future plays.

They say it gets in your blood.

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RELIEVERS

Assemblies help break routine

On your toes. Sheila Stevens executes her dance routine at the annual Talent and Fashion Show. Sheila won first place in the show.

Pushing, scurrying, seeking out friends, students crowded into the gym for one of the most popular excuses for getting out of class — an assembly. The tone of assemblies ranged from totally absurd to profoundly serious. While some assemblies were purely functional, others were presented for mere pleasure and enjoyment. With the creation of the stage band which specialized in "big band sounds" and the Camarata, musically oriented programs became more frequent. Several rock bands, including Flat River, Earth Opera and Sandcastle, performed for the student body. A Navy band, the Country Helmsmen, returned for the second year. Only two plays appeared on the assembly calendar. Five Actors' Equity of Wayside Theatre presented the first play which was a Bicentennial program about the Revolutionary War hero, Daniel Morgan. The second was a

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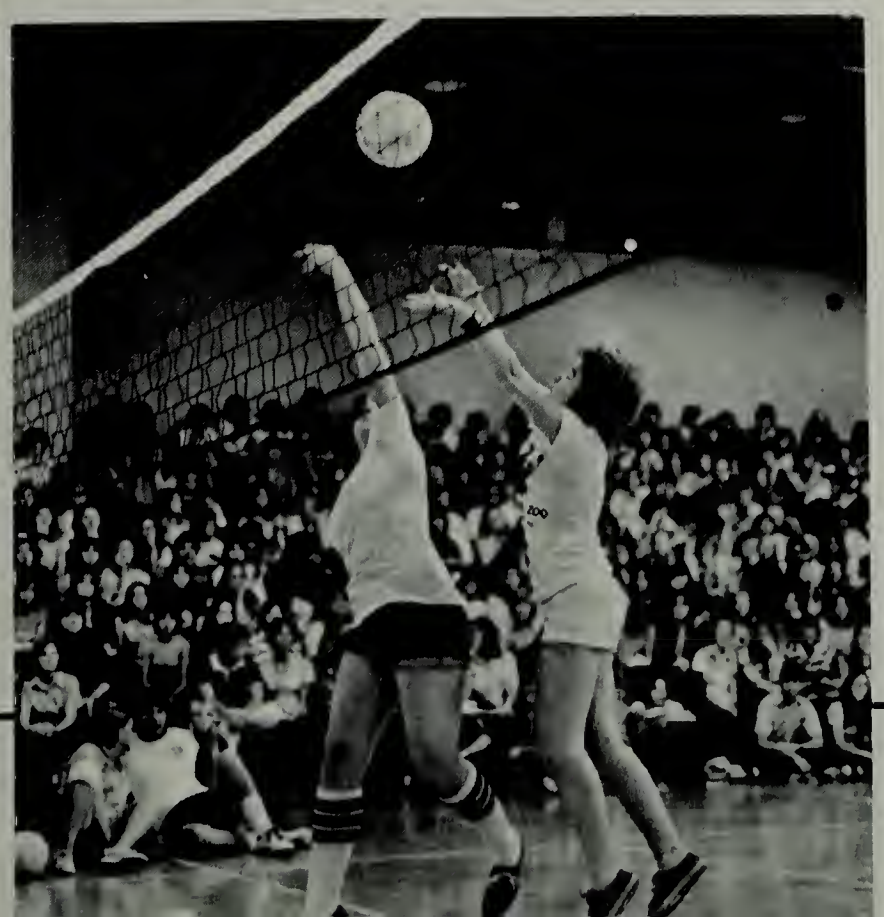
Monkey business. Talented chimpanzee rolls toward his trainer who performs with his animal friends in a group called Al and His Pals.



Kerplat! After smashing a cream pie on assistant principal Mr. Carl Furches at the last pep rally, cheerleader Charlene D'Agata wipes her own face.

I got it! In an effort to score against the teachers, Grace Simmons and Mary Seamster reach high to volley the ball.

MONOTONY RELIEVERS

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Liberty song. Two members of Actors' Equity sing about Revolutionary War hero Daniel Morgan during a Bicentennial program.

Champagne music. Playing popular "big band" tunes, the newly created stage band displays its musical talents for the student body.

Tribal beats. Students listen, but not quite comprehend, the African tribal song being performed by the versatile musician Alfred Rage.

It's only rock and roll! Strutting across the stage, Earth Opera's lead singer delights the night crowd with a few of their rock favorites.

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humorous play entitled "Rally 'Round the Flag Boys!" which was sponsored by the Drama Department.

As a result of students becoming involved in school problems, Dr. L. M. Venable called a special assembly to inform the students of the facts concerning the proposed budget cuts.

Inductions was the theme of two assemblies. One was held to install the newly elected SCA officers and the National Honor Society also conducted its annual inductions, reaching a record high of 81 new members.

Rain forced the last assembly of the year, Class Day, to be postponed. When the skies cleared, the assembly was held in order to present some members of the class with awards and scholarships.

Assemblies were great monotony relievers. To the majority, any type of assembly was a welcome change from the everyday routine of school.

Saying goodbye. Patrice Banks and James Smith step out of graduation line for a moment together on their last day of high school.

Cramming it in. Students take advantage of lunch as a time to satisfy their growling tummies and get a little extra studying done as well.

All together

With a feeling of sinking hopes, I frantically pulled into my familiar parking space and jumped out of my car. As I grabbed my books and started my flight across the parking lot, I happened to glance back and see that my car was crooked. It was hogging two spaces instead of the customary one. "Well, maybe car No. 151 will be absent today," I thought, erasing my careless parking from my mind.

Desperately I ran up the sidewalk, trying to regain the 15 seconds I had lost when my pencil decided to jump out of my arms. If I didn't hurry, I would be forced into my first period class without knowing the latest gossip.

Socializing is an important part of our school days. The memories we will eventually cherish won't consist of algebra formulas or Spanish verbs, but of the fun times we had just being together.

Before school and during lunch are the most obvious social breaks we get, but those few minutes when we're supposed to be changing classes also give a chance to chat with our friends. We synchronize our paths from class to class with those of our closest buddies. We risk being late by lingering with "Mr. Right" a little too long, then slip, hopefully unnoticed, into our seats and thank our lucky stars that we sit near the door. If old Miss Crabby happens to ask, our repetoire of excuses is never lacking. "I'm sorry, Miss Crabby, I twisted my ankle in P.E. and I can hardly walk." "This huge boy ran into me and knocked my books all over the floor . . ."

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New trend. At the Topsy Turvey dance, Sandy Crouch and Kenny Rock disprove the theory that teenagers don't hold their partners while dancing.

Time for fun. Assemblies like the Awards Assembly in the stadium provide for students a break from the daily routine and a chance to socialize.

No blue jeans? On one of the few occasions that students were required to dress up, seniors Andy Loftis, Bill Abbott, Pee Wee Bales and David Rose talk together before going to class.

All together

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Cloud watching. Seniors Melba Delaware and Norman Hill take advantage of their newly earned privileges of missing study halls.

Happy birthday. Friends in "A" lunch give senior Diane Williams a surprise birthday party featuring a cake that looked too cute to eat. Later Ann Gordon proved it wasn't.

Special fun. Patti Ford and Donna Talbott amuse themselves and this Olympic competitor while they wait for the Special Olympics to begin.

Hearty meal. Kathy Moorefield offers a helping hand to Scott Worsham at the baseball team's cookout.

Lunch time is a magic word around here. For those who buy lunch, it may denote an endless wait in a slow moving line; but it is also a chance to take it easy and fool around with our friends for awhile. It's the shortest 30 minutes of the day.

In a school the size of ours, being together is often a trying experience. Because our "family" consists of so many people, and our "house" was built for about half of us, there seem to be infinitely many rules and regulations. The first few weeks always seem hectic, but eventually we learn what we can and cannot get away with; and then things run a little smoother.

Just like jeans, school becomes more comfortable as the year progresses. Each day there are a few more people who look familiar and friendly. We learn to remember the important things first: where all the bathrooms are located, the fastest route to the cafeteria and which teachers really mean it when they threaten us with yellow slips. We realize that none of the hall clocks can be trusted.

As we begin to learn formulas and famous names, we also learn about ourselves. Learning, growing, giving: that's what being together is all about.

Prelude to summer

Spring break: a time to be free from books and bells

Gossip time. Catching up on news is a favorite pastime for Angela Lipscomb, Linda Coleman, Patricia Logan and Donna Coleman during spring break.

Though the term "spring break" somehow suggests a period of leisure extending for at least two weeks, for us it was just the glorified name given to this year's Easter vacation. The schedule originally called for a six day break, but an earlier day missed because of icy roads reduced the length of the holiday to five days. Still, this was longer than any in recent years.

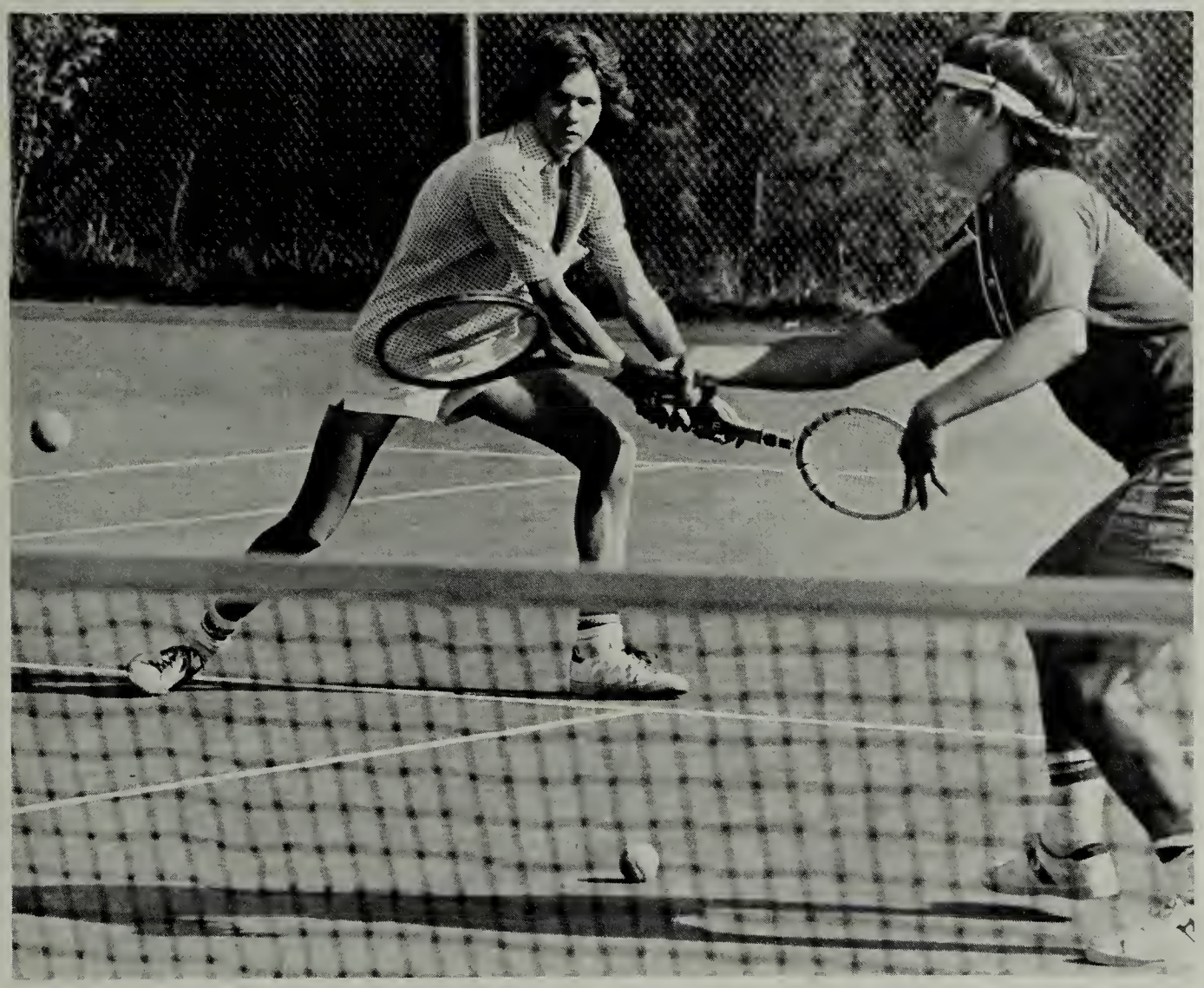
Students spent their Easter holiday in different ways, but most found time to just relax and enjoy being free from books and bells for awhile. Students visited friends and relatives during the holiday; some seniors took the opportunity to visit prospective colleges.

Spring seemed to have rushed into summer and the clear weather brought out participants in several sports, especially biking and tennis. Sun-bathing was another popular activity, and several students acquired deep tans or painful burns.

But five days don't last long. Spring break was just a prelude to summer and seemed to make the rules and routine of school more confining than ever.

Innertube inertia. Jimmy Farrington and Charles Thomas lull in the Banister Lake water. The surprising Easter heat wave produced bathing suits and suntans.

Double's trouble. A misunderstanding in this vacation time tennis match has partners Ricky Rowland and Kenneth Guill battling for the ball.



Finding the sound. Dale Holbrook, Geronimo Sutphin James Stanfield and McKinley Scott have rehearsals for their band during spring vacation.

Getting a tan. Students take advantage of the warm temperatures during April by spending a day relaxing in the sun. Many red faces and sunburnt noses were seen the following week in the school's halls.

PROM

Bicentennial potpourri of white and blue streamers cannonballs and a magica

Prom magic. It all began with Mr. Wonderful calling to ask me to go to the prom with him. I spent the next few weeks frantically searching for that "perfect dress." Shopping in stores everywhere in order not to have the same dress as someone else, I finally found one I liked. Now I could tell my date what color tux to order.

As the day drew nearer, excitement mounted. Finally, it was the day before the prom. Juniors, with the help of interior decorators, began decorating the lobby and gym. Being the "bicentennial year," the theme for the prom was "Dawn's Early Light," and the most logical colors to decorate with were red, white and blue.

Friday finally came. It was "the day." Juniors worked on decorations late into the afternoon. After the finishing touches were added, the gym became a magical place.

The seniors had gotten out of school at 2:00. They had plenty of time to "get beautiful;" I had three hours. In this time, I had to pick up my date's boutonniere, wash my hair, eat supper and get dressed. Somehow I managed to do this and was ready on time.

My date arrived and really did look like a Mr. Wonderful in his tuxedo. He gave me my flowers and I managed to pin his boutonniere on his collar without sticking him.

Now it was picture taking time. After at least ten pictures were taken, we escaped and were off to the prom.

Cardboard cannons, cannonballs and

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Helping hand. Cecil Smith, Debra Harris (on ladder), Donna Guthrie and Debra Edmondson hang streamers in the lobby. Juniors decorated the gym and lobby to celebrate the prom's theme "Dawn's Early Light."

Tired feet. Chaperoning at the prom is an exhausting job. Dr. Venable and Mr. Furches rest for a minute before reassuming their duties.

red,
flags,
air

I.D. check. Terry Ingram and Debbie West are stopped by Mr. Zook to have their I.D.'s checked before entering the prom. All students' I.D.'s were checked to prevent outsiders from coming to the dance.

Jitterbugging. Mark Cassada and Sherry Talbott try out an old dance to today's music. "Gas House Gang," a Virginia Beach band, provided the prom's music.

PROM: A Bicentennial potpourri

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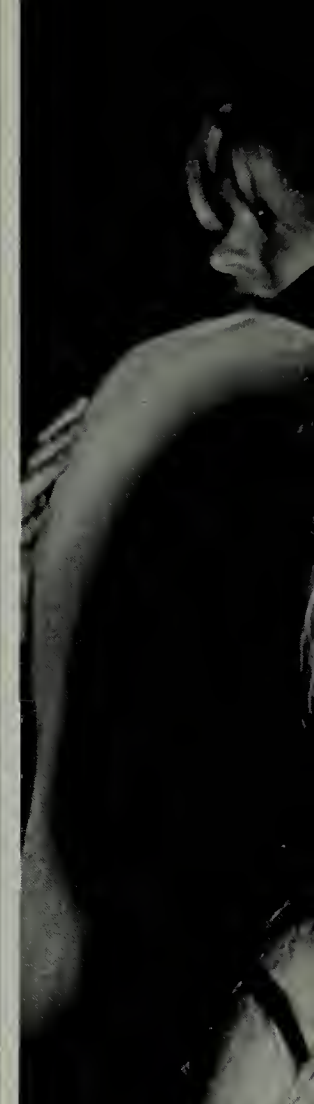
Thirst quencher. Thirsty from dancing, Jean Kelly accepts a cup of punch from Cheryl Walker. Refreshments were provided by the junior class.

Just dancing. Following no set pattern, Regina Morton and Charles Cage sway to the music of the "Gas House Gang."



1-2-3; 1-2-3. Prom-goers welcomed slow dances as they gave them time to cool off from the unbearable heat in the gym. Sandy Talbott and Armstead Glover waltz to a slower tune.

Bicentennial blast. Students clap and dance to the rhythms of "Gas House Gang." The band played music ranging from the 50's to the top ten of today.

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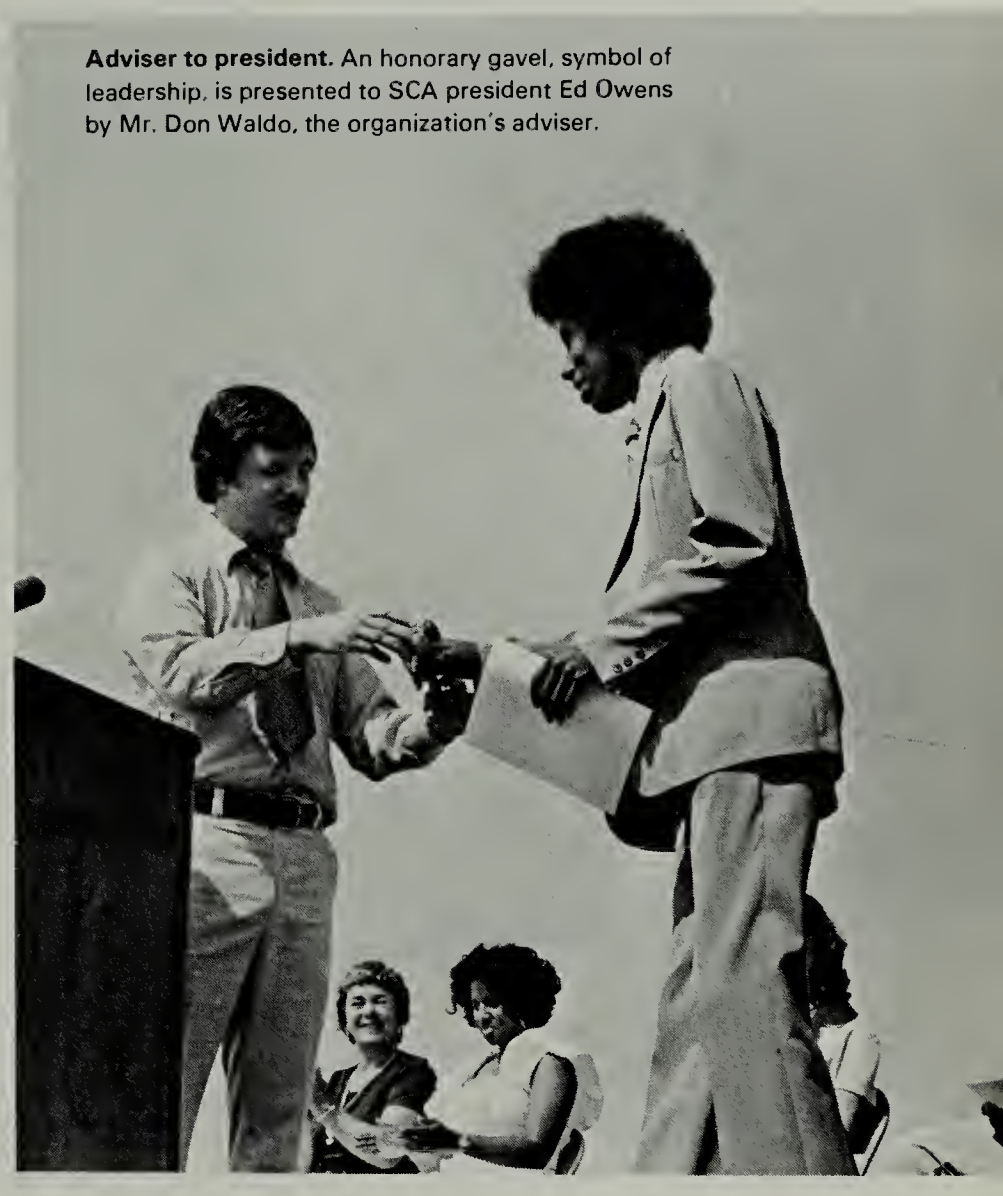
red, white, and blue streamers greeted us at the door. Music floated out from the gym. Stars, streamers and flags filled the dancing area. Magic was in the air as we danced the night away. All good things must end, however, and 12:00 soon arrived. I left with wilted roses, a souvenir keychain, a paper cannonball and many memories. The magic disappeared as we stepped outside, but the fun remained as all the after parties awaited.

Early Saturday morning, helpful sophomores swept away the remaining decorations. Although it took many long hours to make the gym a magical place, it only took a few short hours to clear it away. However, memories of this bicentennial prom will last forever.

Best all-around. Basketball star and SCA sergeant-at-arms, Frank Godbold receives the coveted Principal's Award presented by Dr. Venable on Class Day.

Tri-winner. Becky Riddle was the recipient of the Tuck Dillard Memorial Scholarship awarded to her by Dr. Venable on Class Day. Becky also received the **News and Record** Journalism Award and the Spanish Club Award.

Top athlete. After practicing his high jump for the state track meet, Marvin Fallen carries some equipment back to the locker room. Marvin was awarded the T.C. Watkins Award on Class Day for his outstanding performance in football, basketball and track.



Adviser to president. An honorary gavel, symbol of leadership, is presented to SCA president Ed Owens by Mr. Don Waldo, the organization's adviser.

Honors and heat

Thanks and goodbye. As president of the class, Regina Morton begins the Class Day ceremonies

For the second year in a row, the rains came and Class Day was postponed until Monday morning. With the sun brightly shining, 588 seniors melted in the heat as the awards were presented.

President Regina Morton opened the ceremonies with a note of thanks to everyone who helped to make the Class of '76 the greatest class ever.

Wanda McDowell and Gwen Guthrie read the class history, and the Last Will and Testament, which included leaving Tommy Thaxton all of Lee Wilkinson's old flames, was read by Susan Garrett and Charlene Wilborn.

Joyce Dixon and Leslie Logan presented the 1976 Who's Who Awards. Karen Meadows and Frank Ridgway were named Best Looking and Sue Wilkins and Armstead Glover got Biggest Partiers.

To begin the real honors Dr. Venable announced Lydia Tuck and Mark Yates as recipients of the Danforth Citizenship Awards while Ed Owens was awarded the Marshall Swanson Award.

Lydia Reeves received the NHS Award for being the valedictorian and Chuck Hatcher was given the VFW Citizenship Award. The Wade H. Wicks Award was granted to Amy Edmunds and Regina Morton received the Dr. Bessie Carr Award.

Becky Riddle was the recipient of the Tuck Dillard Memorial Scholarship while Marvin Fallen accepted the T.C. Watkins, III Award for athletics.

Frank Godbold walked off with the coveted Principal's Award which labeled him as "tops" in the class.

As the fanning continued in the sweltering heat, Mark Sompayrac closed the ceremonies with an address to the students and faculty of the soon-to-be alma mater of the 588 seniors seated before him.

'And then I cried'

Long march. A crowd of over 3,000 spectators stand at attention as the Class of 1976 marches into the stadium on graduation night.

It was so hard for me to believe that June 7 had finally arrived. I had completed all of those horrid exams. In fact I had finished my senior year in high school.

As I marched into the stadium on that hot graduation night, I did so with pride and confidence. I was proud of my school and I could only think of the good times I had experienced here. Isn't it funny how all of the bad moments seem to fade away when you realize that the end has come?

Sitting in my assigned seat, I began to reminisce about all of the football games I had cheered for in that very stadium. I recalled the track meets, pep rallies, assemblies and driver's education held there.

Looking across the field at the school building, I thought of all of the teachers to whom I will always be indebted for wrinkling up my brain and of all of the wonderful friends I had made who would be going their separate ways in the fall.

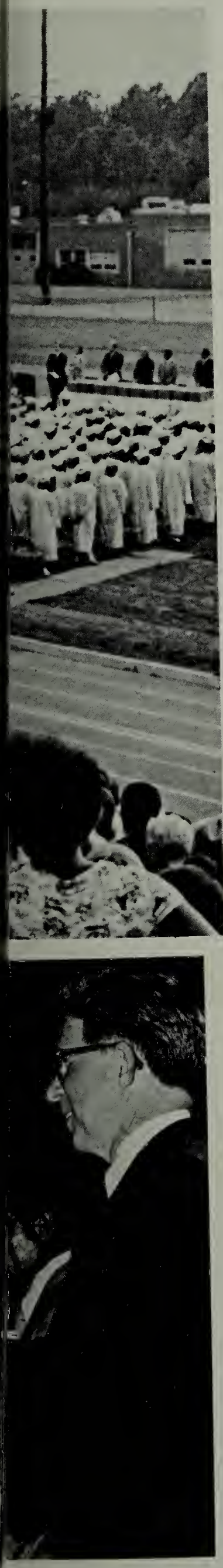
Finally my row stood up and we marched forward. I couldn't help feeling a bit of disappointment at the fact that after struggling through 12 years of school my name was called and a diploma cover given to me, all of which lasted approximately two seconds. The names of some students weren't even heard because of the discourteous crowd of people at graduation.

Cheers of delight filled the air when the last name was called; and after suppressing our anxiety until we marched out of the gate, everyone hugged and kissed each other.

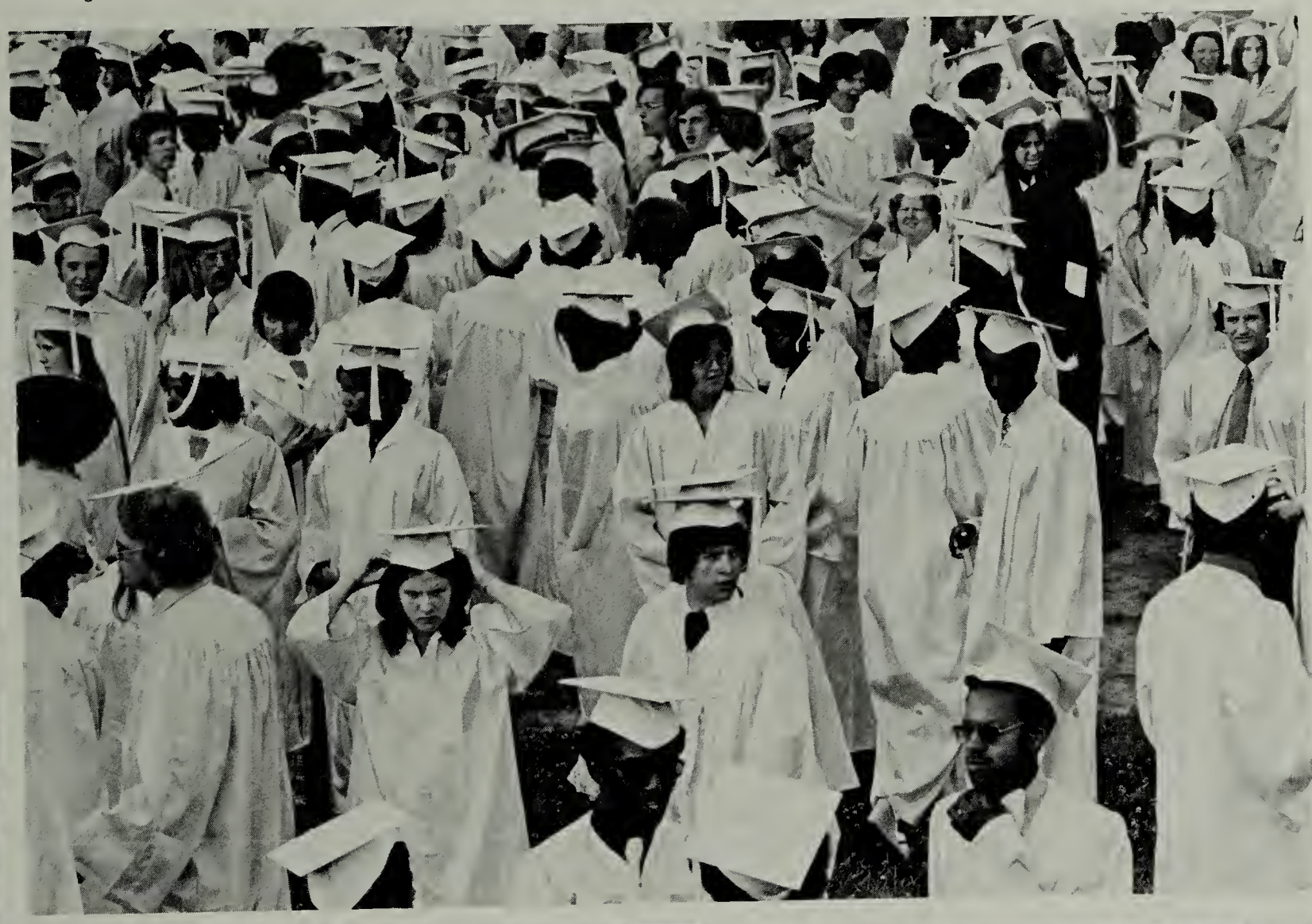
The tears never came until I was on my way to a graduation party and I heard a song on the radio with the words "It's all over now."

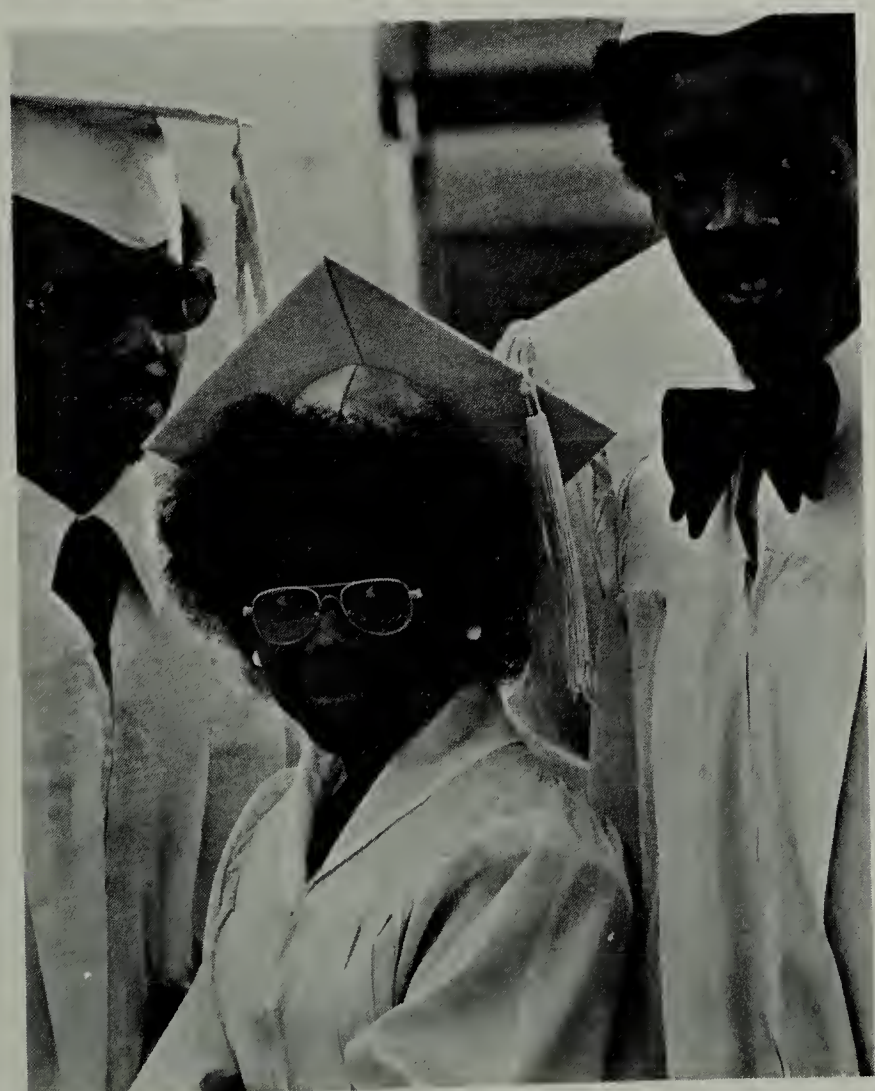
At that moment I realized it was all over.

And I cried.



What's happening? Mass confusion was the end result of 588 seniors trying to line up alphabetically before marching into the football field.





Final moments. Waiting was the hardest part of graduation for Bruce Lee, Donna Yancey and Conway Blanks who are counting the minutes until the processional begins.

The last one. School Superintendent Udy Wood gives the last diploma to Don Yeatts, whose sheepish grin was a cue to the other 587 seniors that it was all over.

Five more minutes. Who knows what goes through the minds of Dinah Mitchell and Carlene Conner that short time before they take their last steps as a high school student.

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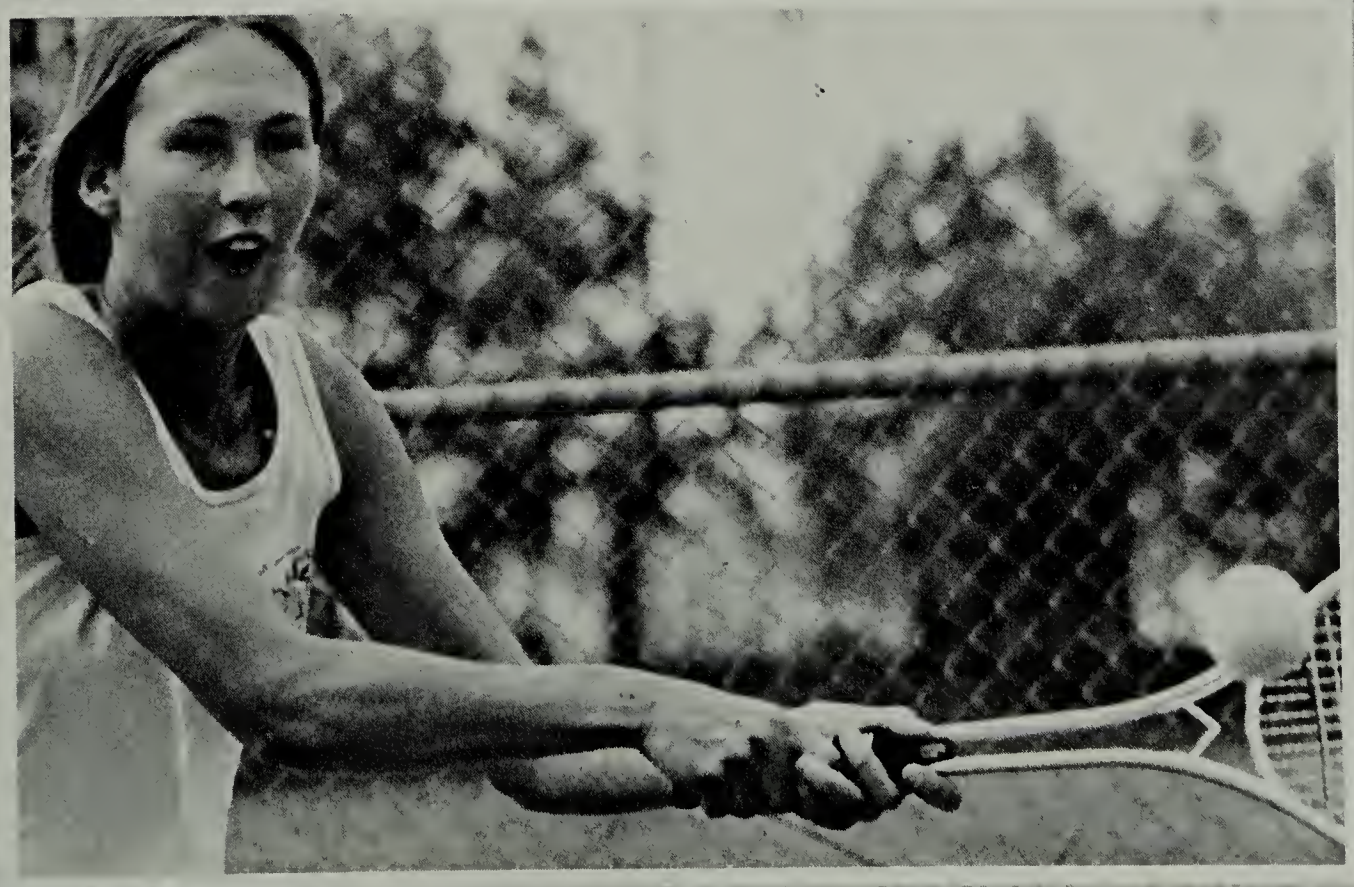
Football, basketball, baseball: they are the sports that usually grab the headlines. But in 1976, the minor sports began a surge to prominence. While the three major sport teams failed to win any championships, the golf team, led by Phil Rinker, won the district as well as the regional title for the first time in the school's history.

The wrestling team, in only its second season, posted a 4-4 district record. Star performer Charlie Wilson finished fifth in the entire state. Junior William Edmonds won All-American honors in cross country as he repeatedly set and broke his own records. Girls' sports also made a strong upswing.

We have always been regarded as a contender in the major sports and now we can enjoy an equal amount of competitiveness from the minor sports teams.

The year the minors became the majors

"Fore!" Number one golfer Phil Rinker prepares to tee off for a practice round at the Green's Folly Country Club in preparation for the state tournament at Virginia Beach.



Solid return. Annette Watts makes a two-handed return of the ball in a volley during the Pulaski match. She won the point.

Wrestling victory. David Ferrell receives congratulations from his ecstatic teammates after his victory in the 155 pound class.

Last game brings joy, laughter, new record

For the Comets, the last game against Northside 9-7 brought joy and laughter to all the team. They knew that they had had a good season that stood at 6-3-1, but to Coach Starnes this meant adding one more notch to his belt of winning seasons, and now all there was left to do was take up equipment for the coming season ahead.

To the sophomores and juniors of the varsity squad, it meant a rest period to forget about football and Coach Ramsey's yelling that eventually molded inexperienced jocks into good football players, to forget about the coming season and the summer camp at Fort Pickett, where sweat, training, and bruising tackles make everyone shape up.

For the seniors, it was a feeling entirely different from their younger teammates. It meant they would never

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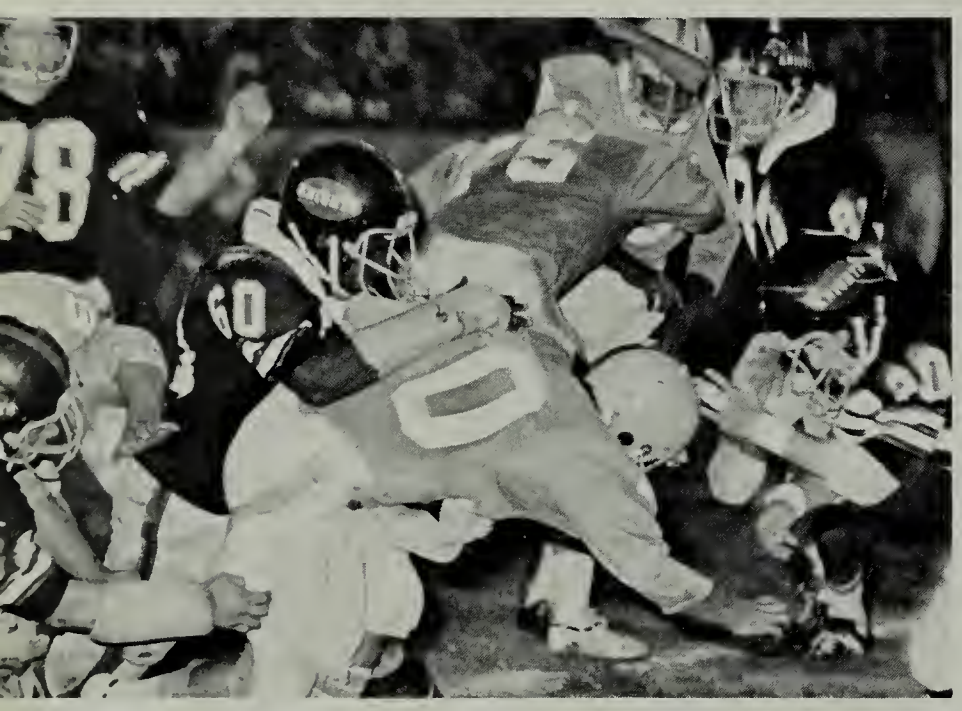


One more yard. Quarterback Mark Sompayrac strives for an extra yard against the Cave Spring's Knights in a home game that the Comets won, 19-12.

Varsity Football 1975
Record: 6-3-1

	HCSH	Opp.
Person Co.	21	12
E.C. Glass	0	36
William Fleming	14	14
Patrick Henry	8	27
J.F.K.	21	12
Pulaski Co.	34	14
GW	7	14
Cave Spring	19	12
Franklin Co.	36	7
Northside	9	7

Varsity football. (Bottom row) Michael Garner, Steve Meadows, John Pinson, Jeff Pruitt, Joey Cole, Scott Worsham, Mark Sompayrac, Curtis Dismuke, Terry Burkholder. **(Second row)** Pee Wee Bales, David Rose, Jesse Barksdale, Chuck Hatcher, Raymond Roberts, Henry Smith, Calvin Medley, Stanley Davis, Marlon Brandon. **(Third row)** George Woody, Larry Griffin, Rickey Gregory, Corwin Word, Eddie Barksdale, Marvin Fallen, James Stanfield, Cornelius Medley, Joe Cacciotti, Chuck Church, **(Fourth row)** Eddie Brown, Donald Chappell, Mike Cole, Forrest Nichols, James Chappell, Andy Hall, Jimmy Farrington, Dean Ferguson, Kent Poindexter, **(Top row)** Thomas Owen, Robert Yarborough, David Fallen, Henry Loftis, Marshall Slayton, Charlie Bruce, Coaches Randolph Perry, John Crittenden, Ron Ramsey and Coleman Starnes.

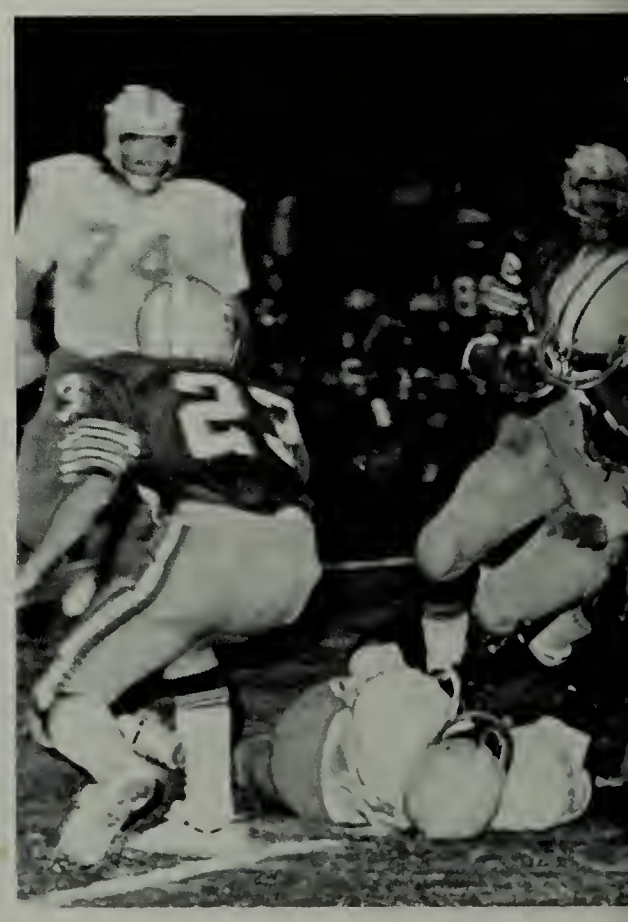
A little push. Running back Marvin Fallen gives George Woody and Stanley Davis a little push to help the Comets win over Cave Spring, 19-12.

Calm face. The powerful Roxboro defense is not strong enough to hold quarterback Mark Sompayrac as he runs for a first down and makes it. The Comets won, 21-12.

Coaches cook. Grid mentors Ron Ramsey and Coleman Starnes grill hamburgers on a cold night at the annual Booster Club cookout for the football team.

In full stride. Eddie Barksdale breaks through the Franklin County defense, helping the Blue Comets win, 36-7.

Blazing speed. Showing the running skill that helped him earn district and regional honors, Marvin Fallen breaks into the clear and leaves a Franklin County tackler behind.



Unstoppable. Corwin Word crashes through a host of would-be tacklers on the way to a long gain against the Eagles.

Last game brings joy

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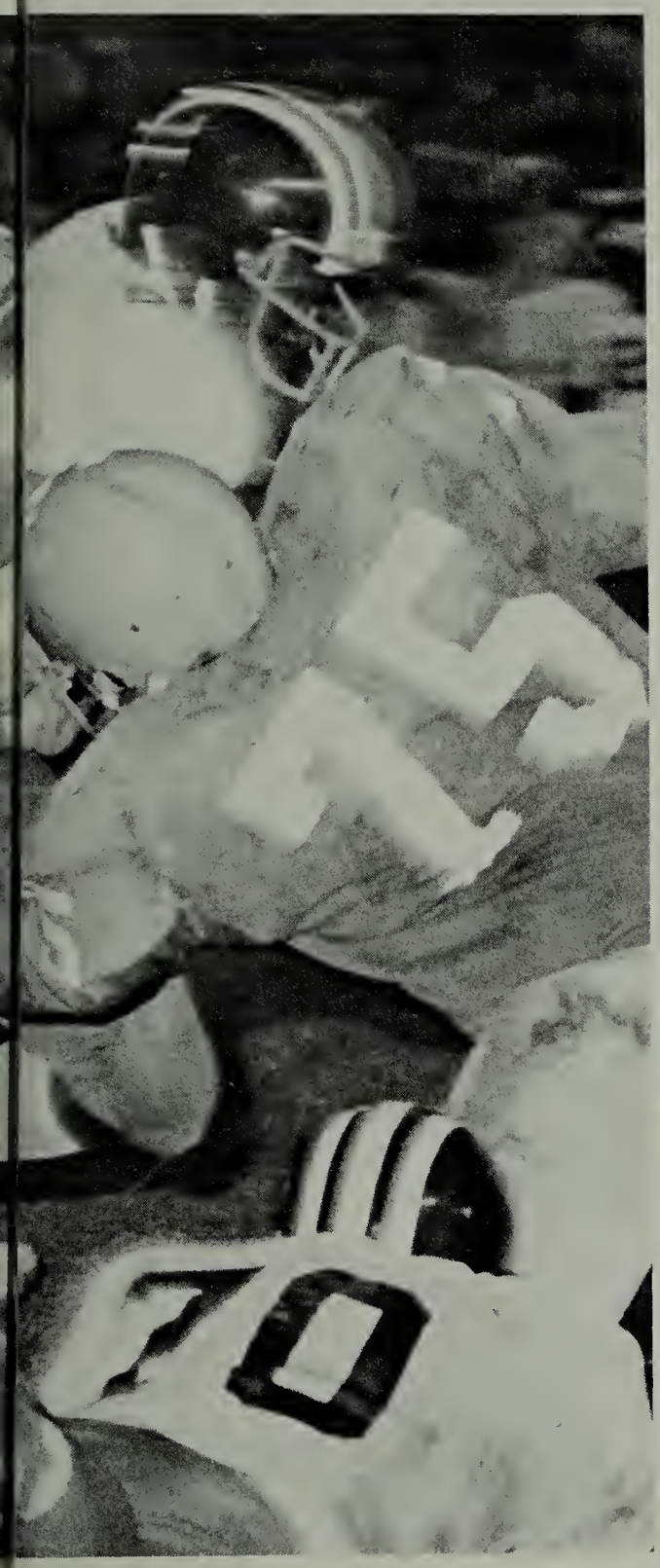
play football in Tuck Dillard Stadium in front of the students again. All that was left were the memories of the games and teamwork that was needed for a good season. Things they were remembering were that hot, grueling two weeks down at Fort Pickett where for the past seven years each team had become a working unit.

They remembered the ninth consecutive win over Person County, 21-12; the disappointing 14-14 tie against William Fleming, the smashing 36-7 win over Franklin County, and the 9-7 victory over Northside in which a new school rushing record for one game, 451 yards, was set. Those memories and the sheer joy of playing on a team made the seniors forget the jolts and bruises.

At season's end it was announced that three Comets — David Fallen, Marvin Fallen and Kent Poindexter — had made the All-Western District team. David also made first team All-Regional while Marvin and Kent were named to the second unit.

Other Western District honors went to George Woody, second team, and Ricky Gregory, Eddie Barksdale, Corwin Word and Curtis Dismuke, honorable mention.



Line play. Pee Wee Bales (23) Kent Poindexter (75) Mike Cole (72) and James Chappell (61) stop a Patrick Henry runner to no avail as the Patriots stopped the Comets, 27-8.

Slight toe hold. Held up by the William Fleming defense, Corwin Word struggles for a first down. He made it on the next try.

No gain. Franklin County's runner (44) is stopped at the line of scrimmage by Kent Poindexter (75), Pee Wee Bales (23) and George Chappell (25).

Diving for yardage. Marvin Fallen stretches for extra yardage against Franklin County. The Comets ran up their highest score against the Eagles.

Missed extra point sends winning season down the drain

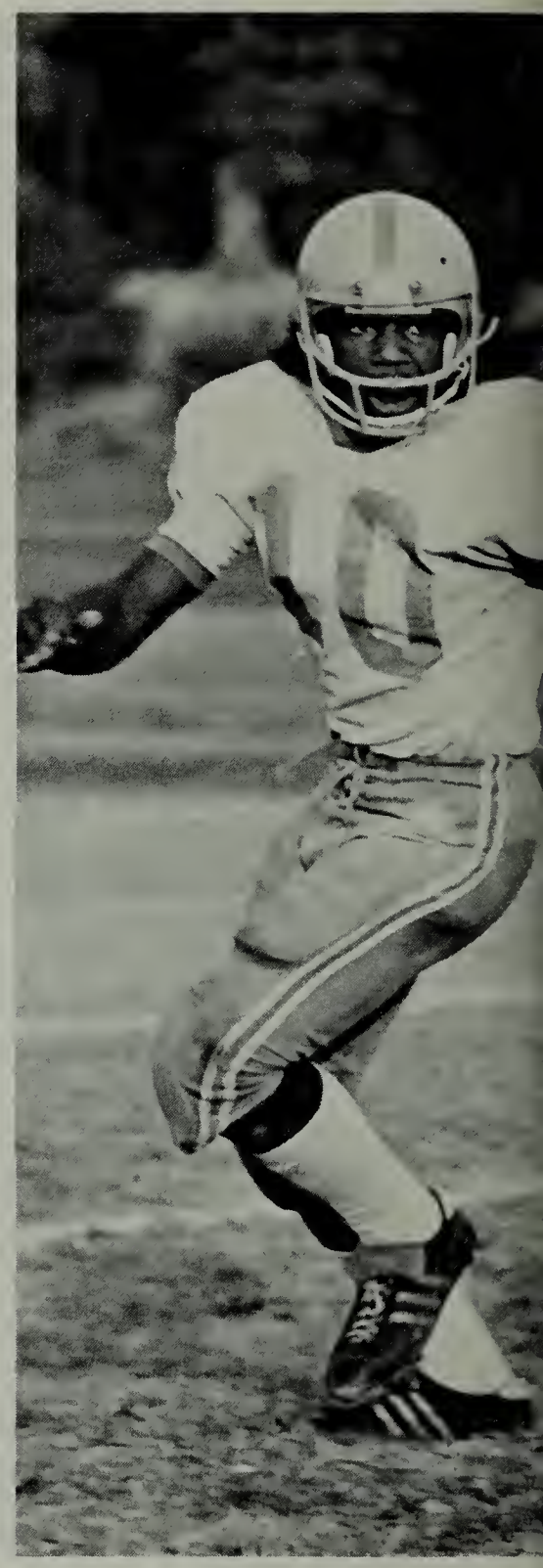
Coaches Tom Berry and Joe Hyatt and about 30 determined football players were seen on the practice field early in the fall getting ready for the upcoming season. The coaches had to face a challenge they had had in previous years. This challenge was to mold a football team out of some "hopefuls" and to try to have a successful season.

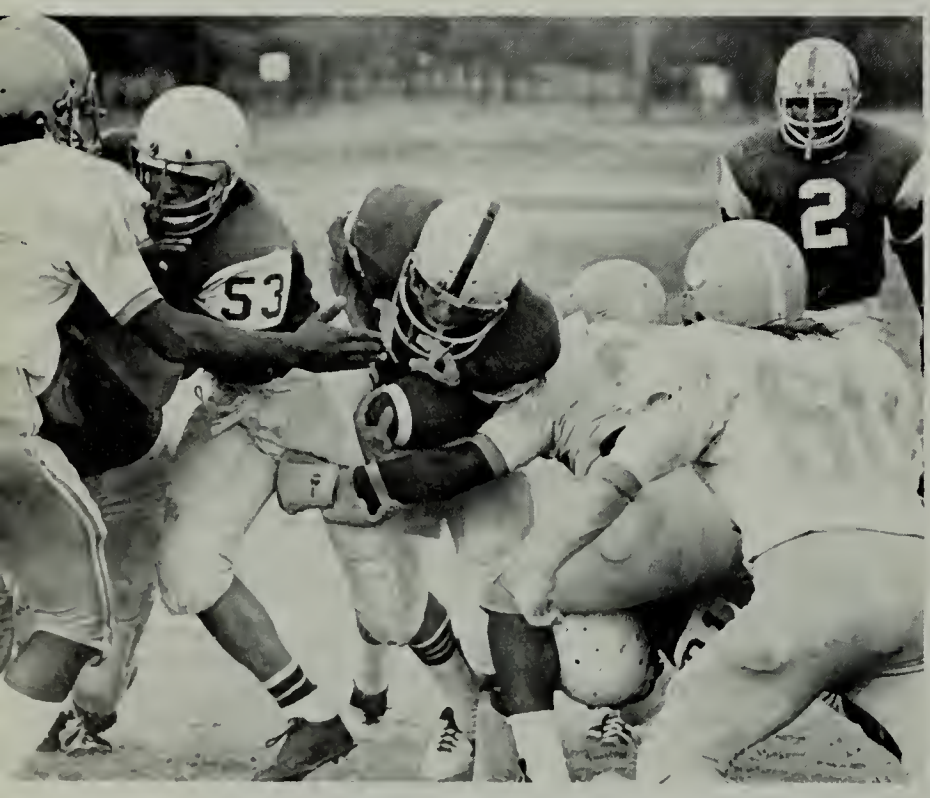
The Comets did have a good season but they failed to record a winning one. As the season came to the final game, the Comets had accomplished a 4-4 record with a few of the games being decided by only a small margin. The last game of the season was "the big one" for the Comets, but they lost because they failed to add the extra point after their touchdown.

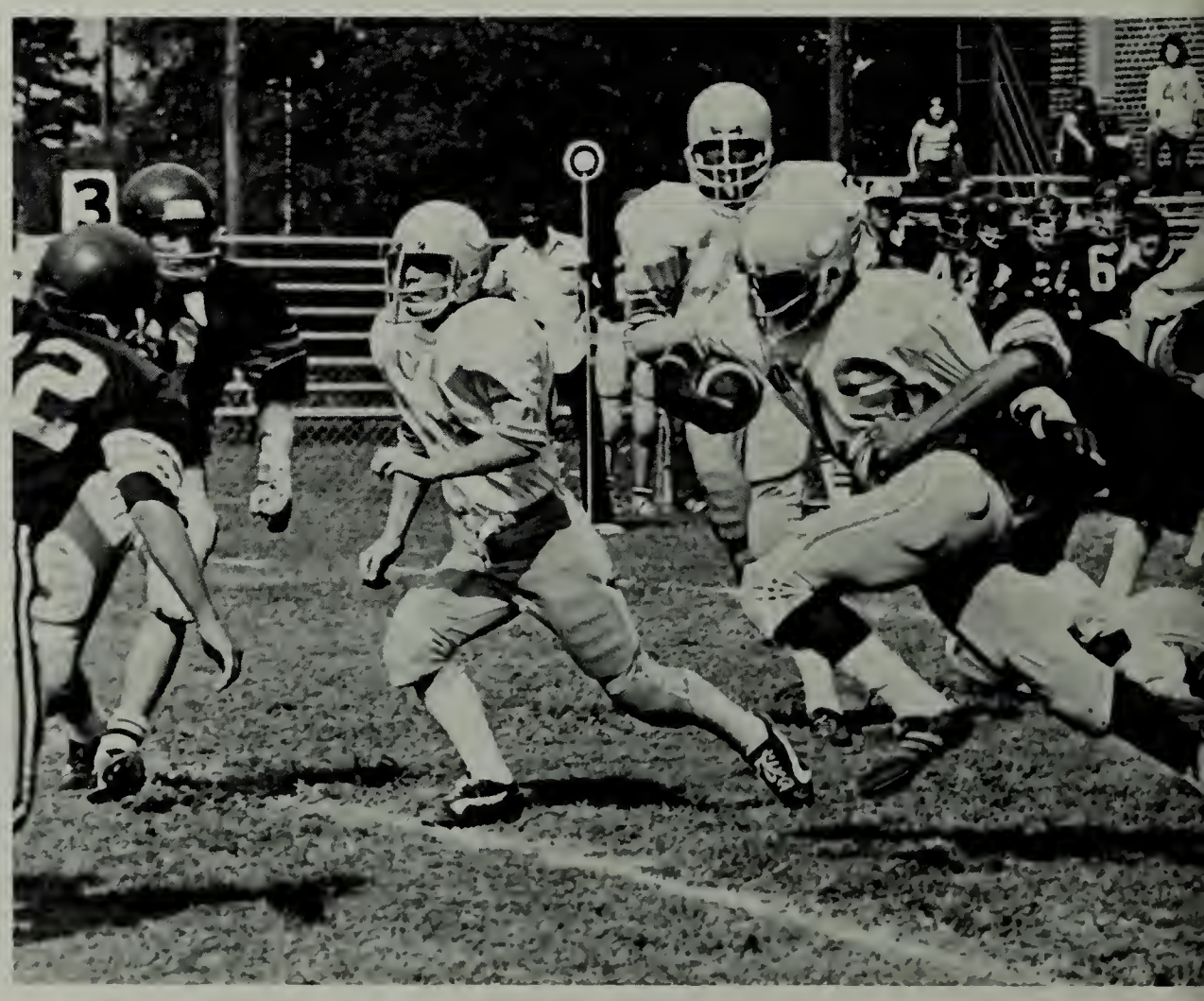
Coach Berry knew that the losing record of 4-5 did not mean his team was unsuccessful. "We had a good year and a few of the players had good games throughout the season," Coach Berry said. "The team's captains Bobby Smith and James Dixon played well as did Curtis Younger who led the squad with the most single tackles." He was followed closely by Robert Sweeney and Mike Patterson.

JV Football 1975
Record: 4-5

	HCSH	Opp.
Person Co.	0	14
GW	0	14
Brookville	14	12
Cave Spring	20	28
Pulaski	16	14
E.C. Glass	6	14
William Fleming	35	20
Franklin Co.	6	0
E.C. Glass	6	7



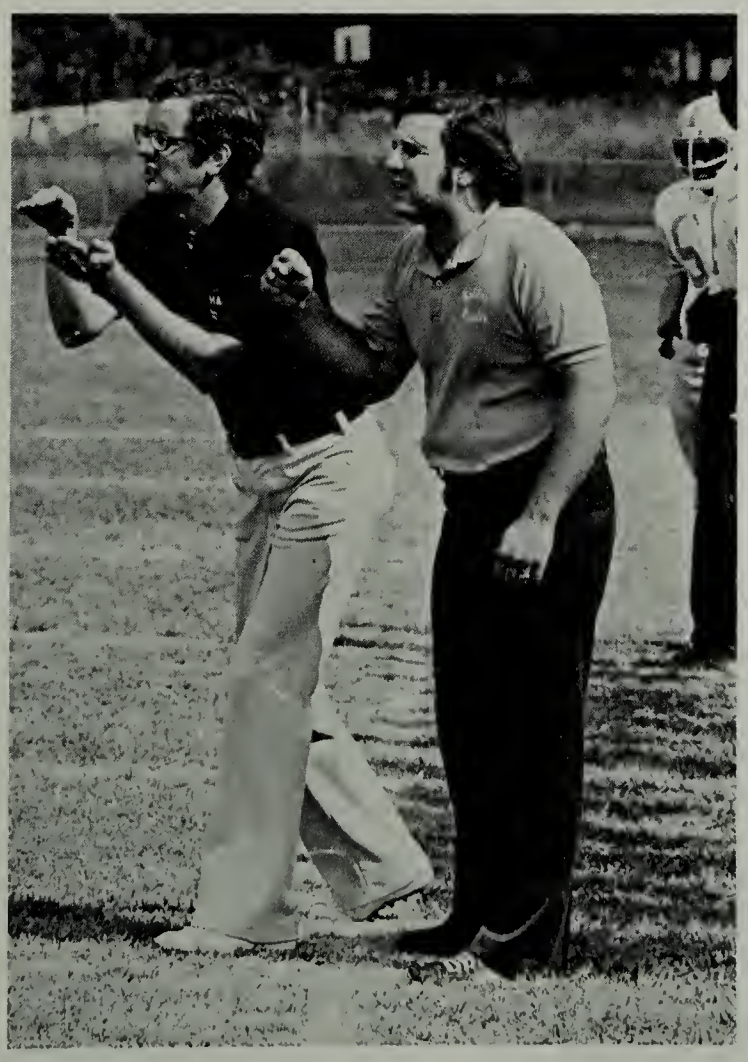




Holding him. Tackling a Glass runner seems easy for Curtis Younger, but winning was harder as the Comets lost, 14-0.

Coming through. James Dismuke literally drags a Brookville player with him as he strives for a first down in a game the Comets won, 16-14.

Breaking down. Defensive halfback Kenny Villines gets ready to tackle a Glass runner on the home field. He made his tackle but two plays later the Hilltoppers scored.



Sighting the goal line. Scoring first against William Fleming is quarterback Bobby Smith as he scampers around end.

Let's go. JV coaches Tom Berry and Joe Hyatt yell encouragement to their team to block a Person County punt.

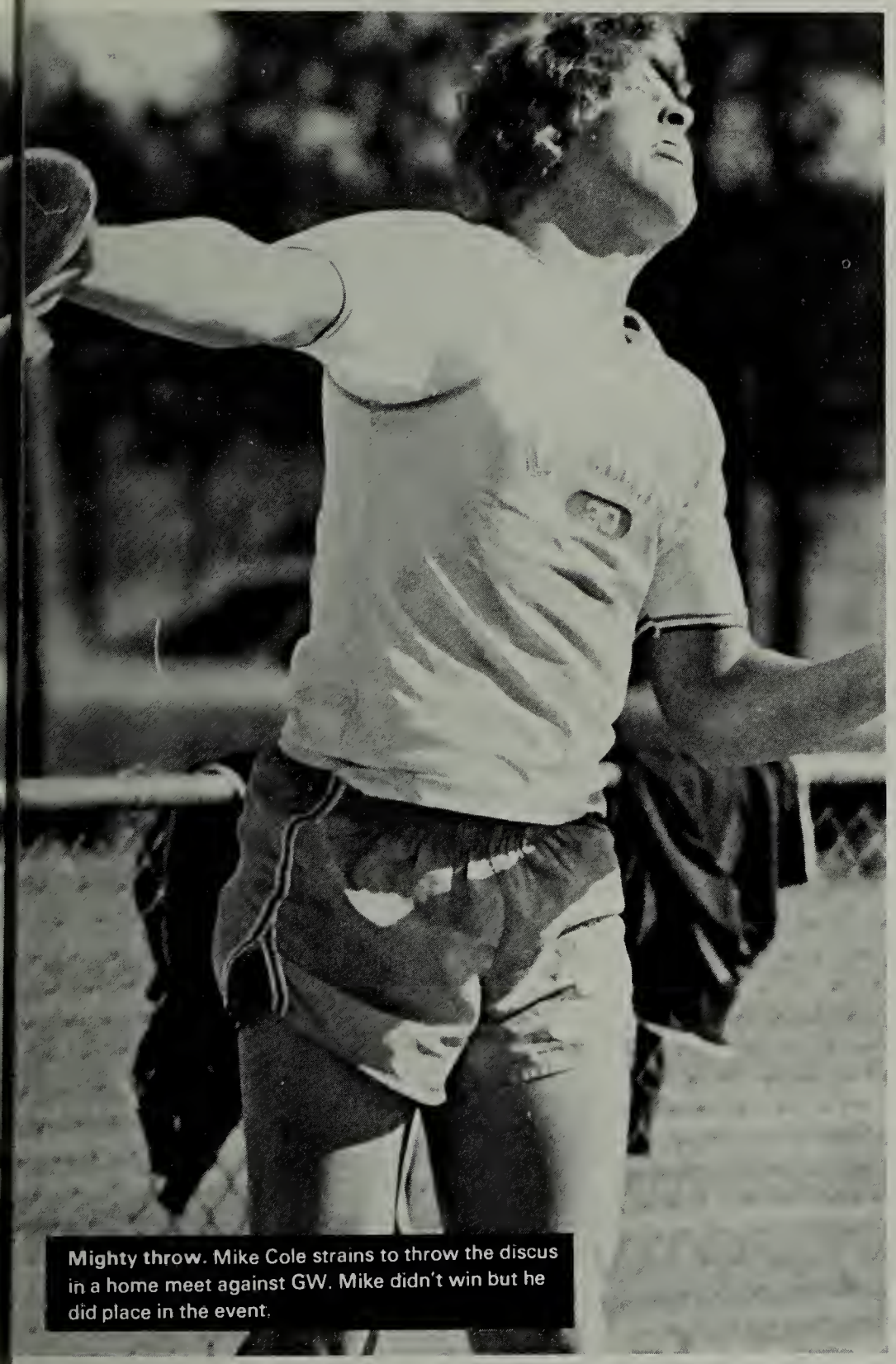
Men on the run

Track team. (Front row) Craig Miller, Rickey Easley, Larry Burchley, Charles Barley, Alvin Claiborne, Marvin Lipford, Clarence Tucker, Leonard Lipscomb, Curtis Younger, Clarence Stevensons, Micheal Ferrell, David Dixon, Robert Thaxton, Jeff Pruitt, William Edmunds, (back row) Coach Dyer, Coach Martin, Leonard Barbour, David Booker, Dwight Muse, Mike Cole, Terry Ingram, Eugene Wyatt, Bill McLaughlin, Frank Ridgway, Donald Waller, Macon Sizemore, Marvin Fallen, Marlo Brandon, Matthew McCargo, Coach Ramsey.

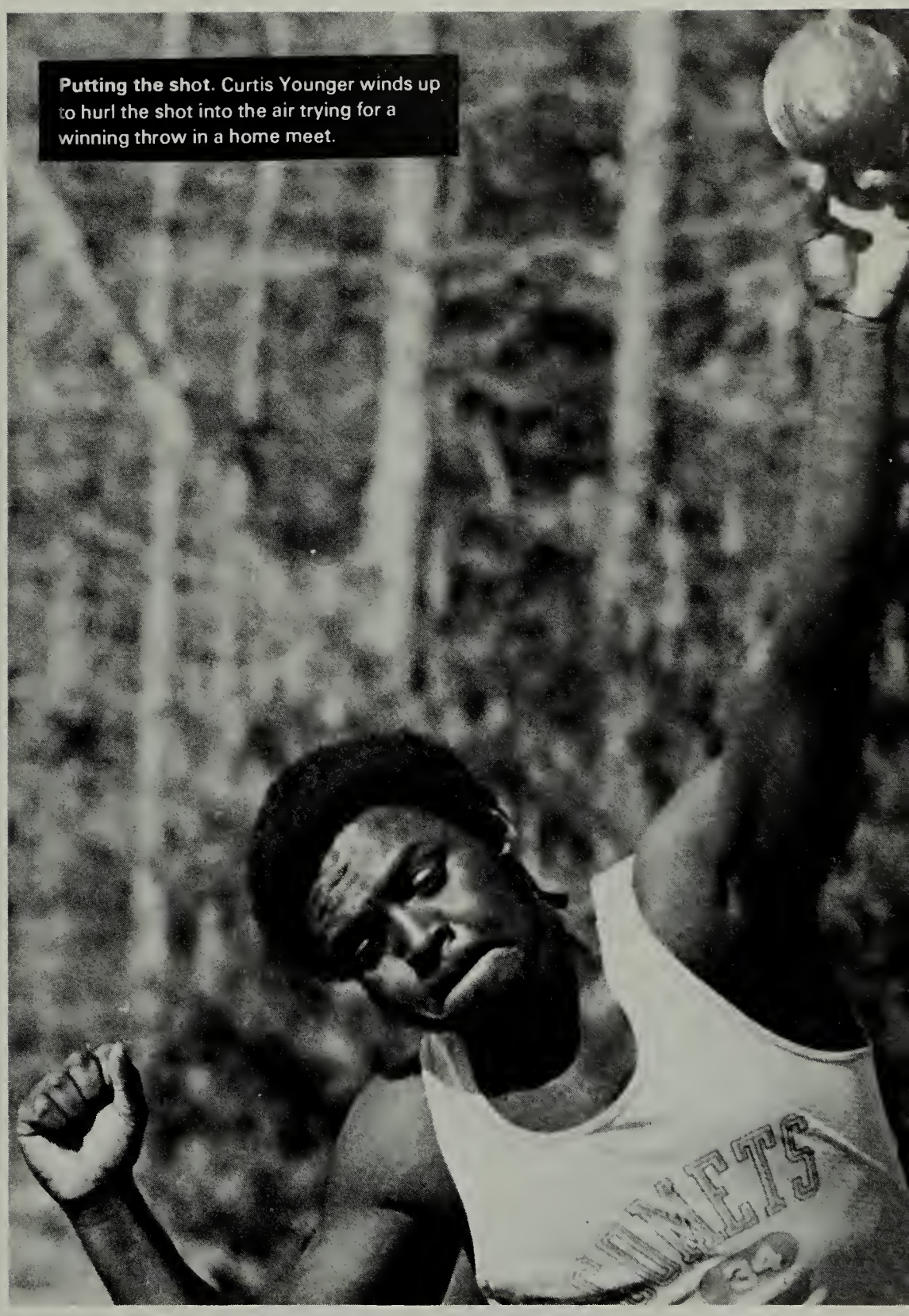
Indoor Track 1976
Record: 2-2

	HCSH	Opp.
E.C. Glass	42	65
Manchester	56	51
Wm. Fleming	38	69
Patrick Henry	61	65

First across. Coach Bristol Martin records William Edmonds' new record time for two miles in the home meet against GW.



Mighty throw. Mike Cole strains to throw the discus in a home meet against GW. Mike didn't win but he did place in the event.



Putting the shot. Curtis Younger winds up to hurl the shot into the air trying for a winning throw in a home meet.

Cross country team. (Front row) Donald Waller, William Edmonds, Ronald Waller, Leonard Lipscomb, **(back row)** Manager Al Grant, Wayne Ferguson, Robert Thaxton, Carrol Jennings, and Coach Fred Stafford.

Western District champs! That's what Coach Fred Stafford's cross country team was.

The Comet harriers were led by William Edmonds and Donald and Ronald Waller, who contributed to the team's respectable 6-1 record.

The Comets entered the district tournament on a regular season bye. Though Halifax did not do well, Donald Waller did qualify to run against the best runners in the Virginia state meet where he finished forty-second.

In December the cross country runners moved inside for the indoor track, coached by Bristol Martin.

The indoor track squad compiled a 2-2

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Men on the run

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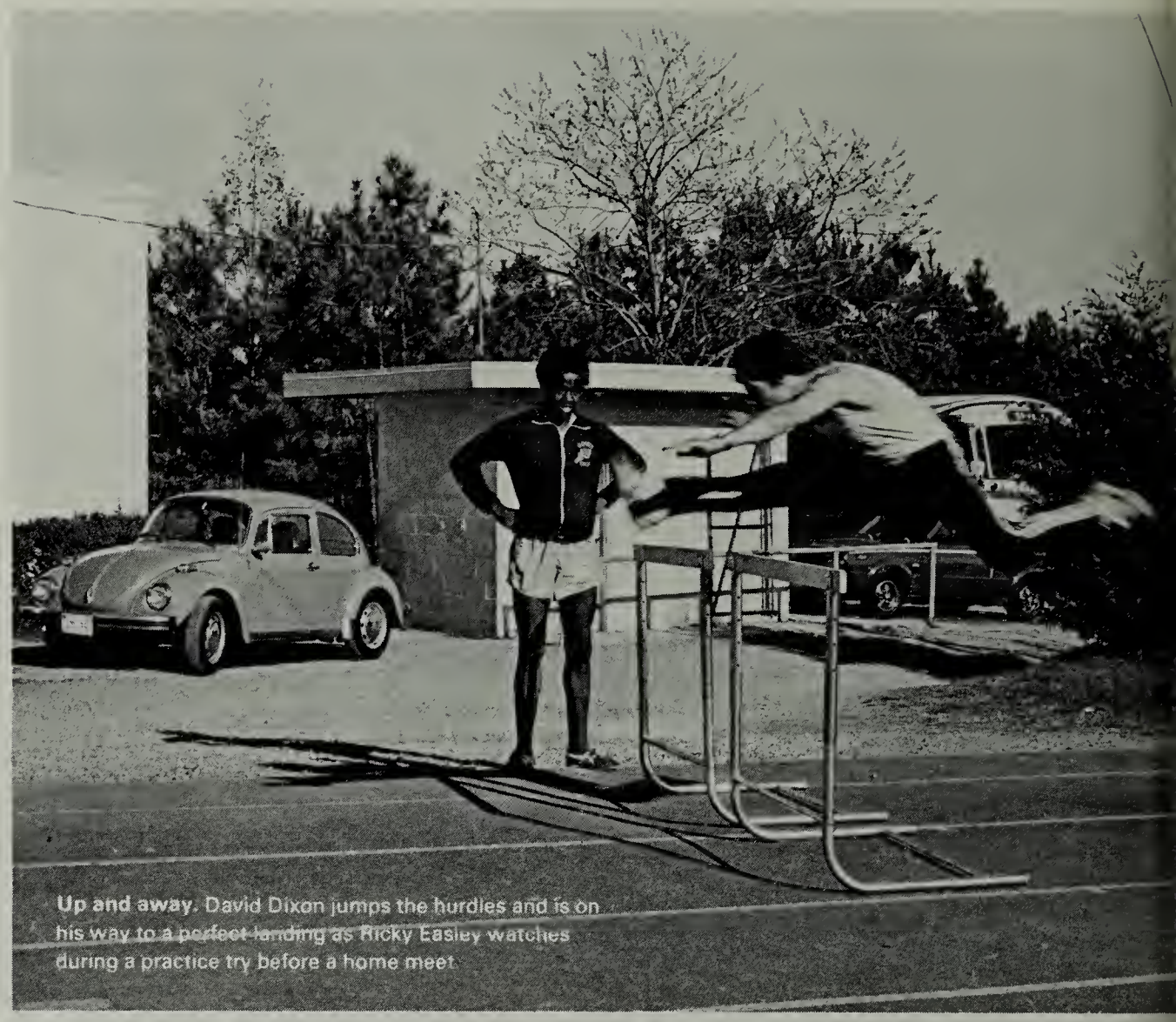
record losing only to E.C. Glass and William Fleming.

Outstanding runners Macon Sizemore and Frank Ridgway set new school records in the 300-yard run and 1000-yard run, respectively. Macon, along with distance runner William Edmonds, represented Halifax County at the state meet that was held in Richmond.

In March the track team moved outside once again to compete in outdoor track. The team members suffered a losing season, winning only three of their eight meets.

"At least it wasn't a total loss," said most of the members of the outdoor squad. The members were correct in their reasoning.

William Edmonds went undefeated in both the mile and two mile. He also won the district meet, competing in the same events. Frank Ridgway placed third in the district meet and Marvin Fallen finished sixth in the high jump.



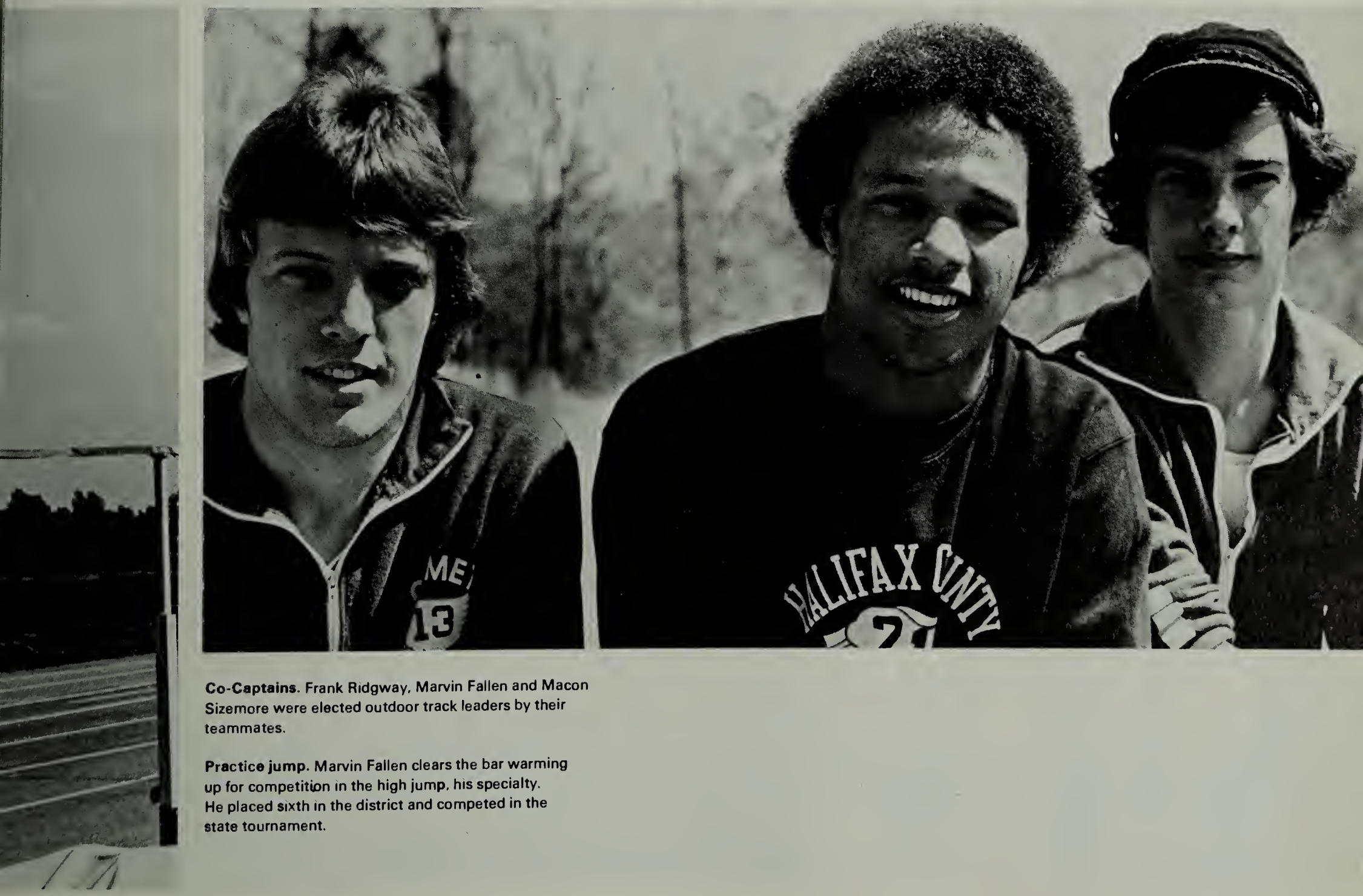
Up and away. David Dixon jumps the hurdles and is on his way to a perfect landing as Ricky Easley watches during a practice try before a home meet.

Outdoor Track 1976
Record: 3-4

	HCSH	Opp.
Orange High	67	50
Person County	87	49
GW	50	85
GW	56	80
Patrick Henry	69	67
Wm. Fleming	44	92
E.C. Glass	26	110

Distance runner. Perhaps the best distance man Halifax County has ever had, William Edmonds went undefeated in regular and district meets in the mile and two mile events.

Practice help. Frank Ridgway encourages David Booker as he gets ready to make a pole vault in a session before the Ronnie Rose Relays.



Co-Captains. Frank Ridgway, Marvin Fallen and Macon Sizemore were elected outdoor track leaders by their teammates.

Practice jump. Marvin Fallen clears the bar warming up for competition in the high jump, his specialty. He placed sixth in the district and competed in the state tournament.

Scoring jump. Larry Burrell takes a jump shot over a defender during second half action against the Northside Vikings at home.

No lack of excitement

Most fans probably considered the basketball season to be a big disappointment when remembering the final 10-11 record. Seemingly more unusual than the high number of losses was the fact that the Blues did not win the district and regional titles and make a fourth straight appearance in the state tournament.

Yet, one thing that the season definitely didn't lack was excitement. Having no real big man for the first time in a number of years, Coach Lloyd put an extremely quick team on the floor that consisted of five seniors. The fast pace of the games added to the close scores to make up some thrilling victories and heartbreaking defeats. One of the more memorable games in the school's basketball history would have to be the "cliff-hanger" at Pulaski. The Blues took five overtimes to achieve a final score of 41-40 that brought home the victory.

Other games could have gone either way with just a few baskets for either side. Two games were won on last second shots: (1) at Northside the Comets won by two points as a shot by Cheetah Smith at the buzzer was ruled good; and

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Team watching. Former Comet Coach Don Thompson and ex-player James Smith watch the Comets in a scrimmage game against Hampton Sydney College's JV squad.

Last shot. Henry Smith keeps the fans on their feet as he takes a desperation shot during the final seconds of the Comets game against Cave Spring.

Too low. Frank Godbold jets by a Pulaski County guard in the game played at home. The game went into overtime, but the Comets lost in the final seconds 36-32.

No lack of excitement

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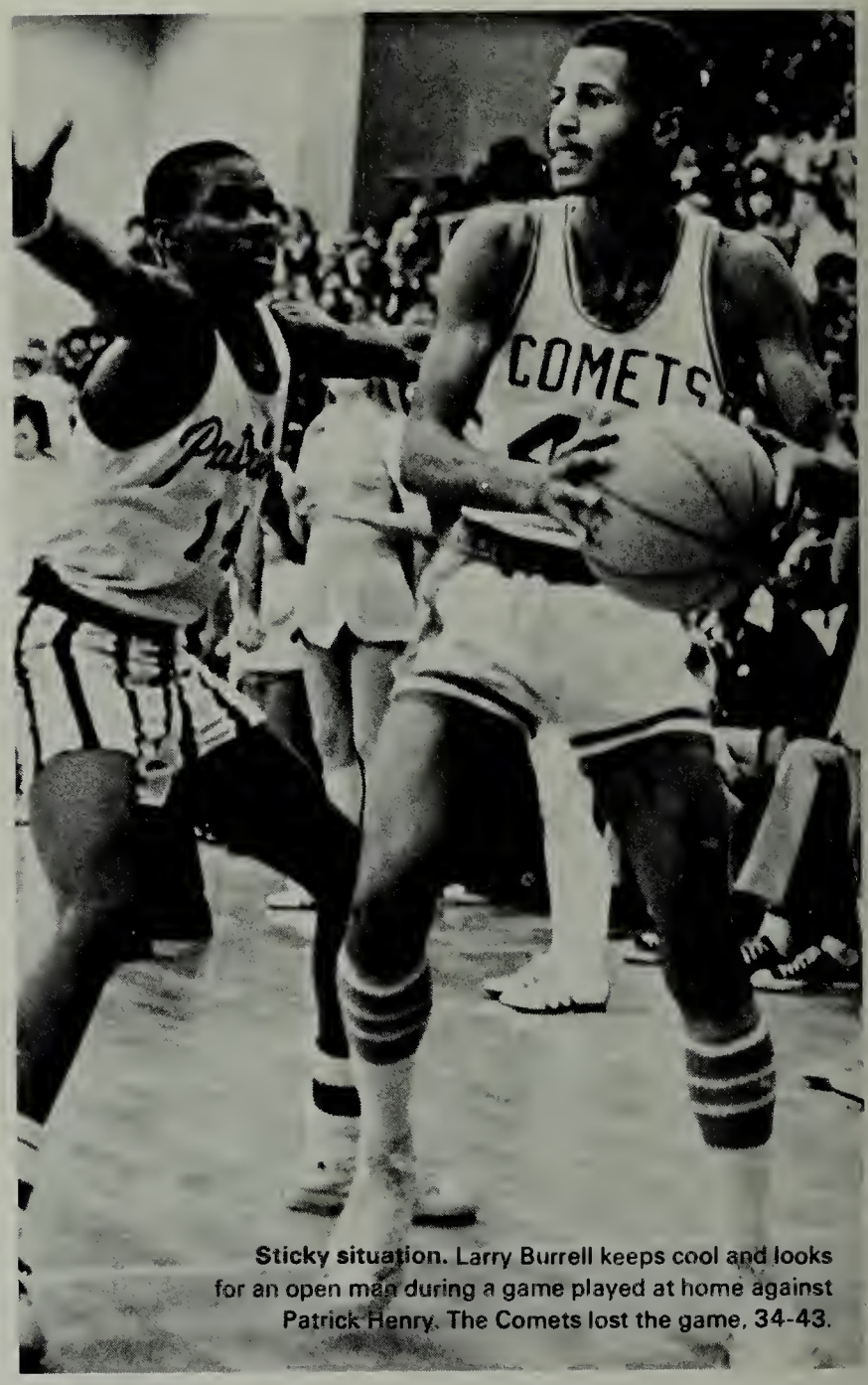
Heads up. Frank Godbold demonstrates the correct way to make a lay-up by keeping his head up and gliding easily between two Northside players. The Comets went on to win the game 54-45.



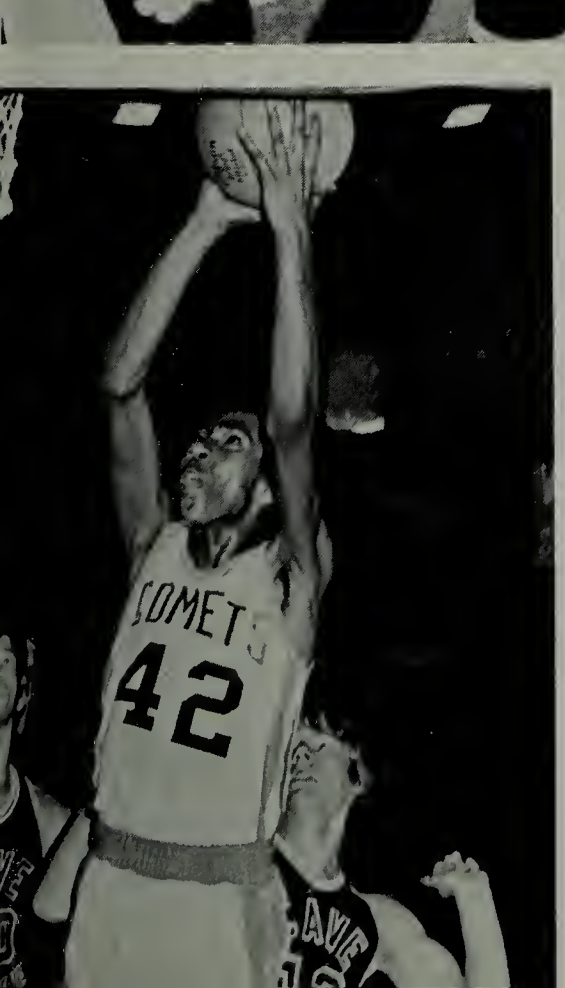
Sticky situation. Larry Burrell keeps cool and looks for an open man during a game played at home against Patrick Henry. The Comets lost the game, 34-43.

Net play. While surrounded by Bluestone Baron players, Henry Smith pulls down a rebound during the Christmas Tournament finals.

Varsity Basketball 1975-76
Record: 10-11

	HCSH	Opp.
Person County	66	44
Cave Spring	48	50
GW	55	69
Northside	63	61
Franklin County	39	35
Person County	33	30
North Durham	77	48
Bluestone	76	53
William Fleming	51	64
Pulaski County	41	40
Patrick Henry	34	43
E.C. Glass	57	58
William Fleming	59	50
GW	56	67
Northside	54	45
Franklin County	56	27
Cave Spring	57	69
Pulaski County	32	36
E.C. Glass	58	67
Patrick Henry	53	63
GW (Tourney)	73	77

Varsity squad. (Front row): George Woody, Mark Cassada, Curtis Dismuke, Scott Worsham, Frank Godbold, James Smith, Larry Burrell, Henry Smith, Larry Hill, **(back row)** Assistant Coach Elvin Dyer, Head Coach Wayne Lloyd, Edward Owens, Arthur Smith, Joe DeShazo, Marvin Fallen, Lee Wilkerson, Donnell Martin Willis Faulkner, Eddie Brown, Everett West and Alphonzo Grant The team had a 10-11 record.



(2) in contrast an old rival, E.C. Glass, squeaked out a victory at Halifax by one point on a desperation shot as time ran out.

The team not only suffered from a lack of height but also from the ineligibility of James Smith, the high-scoring guard from the runner-up state championship team of the previous year. Despite some good shooters, the team also had a poor shooting percentage which cost some close games. Overall, though, the team's attitude was good and coaches Dyer and Lloyd were pleased with the season.

The sole outstanding performer for the team was Ed Owens. "Country" Owens led the team in rebounding and shooting in addition to being its leading scorer. He was chosen as honorable mention by the "Roanoke Times" for the "Timesland" area and also named honorable mention for All-Western District and the Northwest Regional teams.

Two points. Ed Owens makes a lay-up during the Comet game against Cave Spring on Comet court. The Comets lost in the final seconds by a score of 50-48.

Close games, overtimes, cheering fans

Coach John Crittenden's Baby Blues filed another winning season in the record books, racking up a 11-7 record. Throughout the whole season the crowds were kept on the edge of their seats as the games were decided in the last few seconds or in overtime.

They opened on the home court against the Roxboro Rockets of Person County. It was a typical game and set the tone of the season. The game was won in the last few seconds as players battled over a jumpball. The Rockets won the decision and sank the ball at the buzzer.

Top scorers for the Baby Blues were Bobby Smith with 240 points and Matthew McCargo, 194.

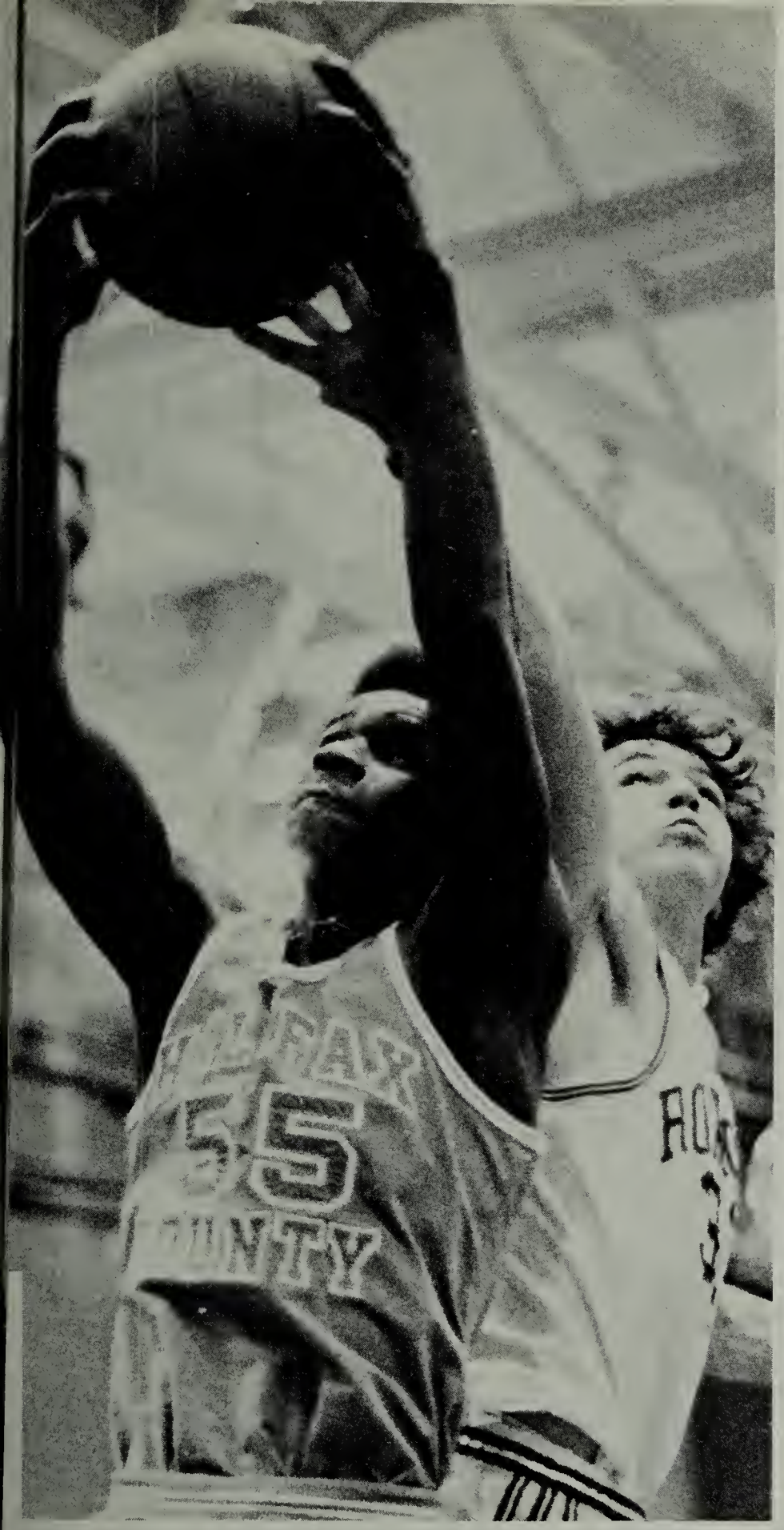
Coach Crittenden commented, "It was a hard season considering we lost four players because of grades and one moved away, but the kids worked hard."

Up for grabs. Matthew McCargo and Aron Daniel go high for a rebound in a Rocket-Comet contest against Person County. The JV's lost, 46-52.

JV Basketball 1976
Record: 11-7

	HCSH	Opp.
Person County	40	41
Cave Spring	59	51
GW	31	62
Northside	52	33
Franklin County	64	49
Person County	46	52
William Fleming	43	41
Pulaski	30	27
Patrick Henry	55	52
E.C. Glass	50	62
William Fleming	33	37
GW	34	47
Northside	40	35
Franklin County	55	41
Cave Spring	55	40
Pulaski	43	29
E.C. Glass	41	50
Patrick Henry	55	51

Turning the corner. Jimmy Bennett drives around a Patrick Henry opponent during a home game. The Baby Blues defeated the Patriots, 55-52.



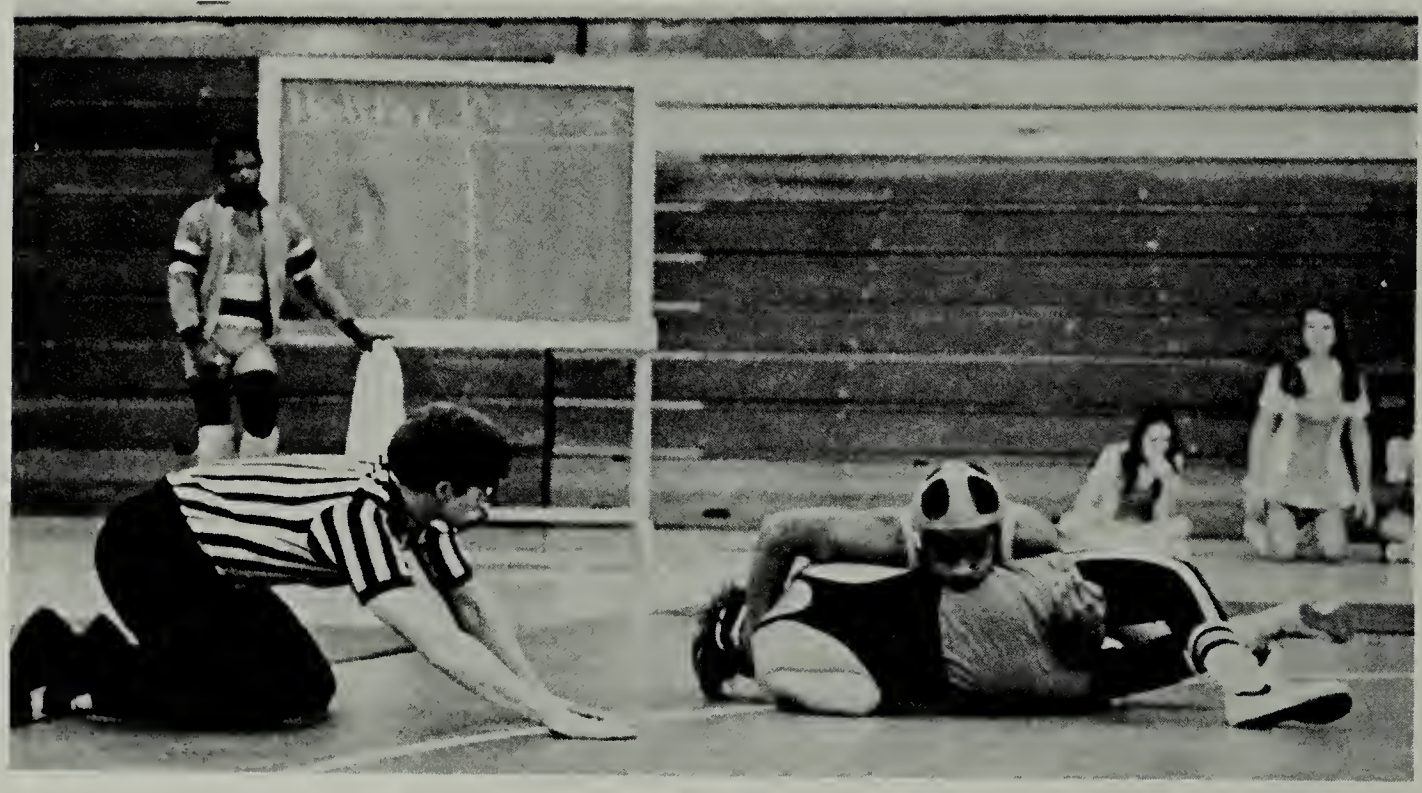
Flying high. Charlie Bruce muscles up with a Roxboro Rocket for a rebound on Person County's home court. Bruce won the fight for the ball.

Perfect form. A jump shot by Steve Satterfield in the third quarter puts his team to within one point of Patrick Henry. The Comets went on to win the game.

JV squad. (Front row) Freddie Chappell, Ray Wood, Keith Edmonds, Bobby Smith, Mochie Medley, **(middle row)** Harold Terry, Aron Daniel, Jimmy Bennett, James Dismuke, Dean Chandler, Jeff Nelson, **(back row)** Coach John Crittenden, Charlie Bruce, Bob Seat, Matthew McCargo, Steve Satterfield, managers Robert Sweeny, Dean Long.

'We gave it our best shot'

Quick match. Top wrestler Charlie Wilson wins his eighth straight, pinning his Cave Spring opponent in 30 seconds.

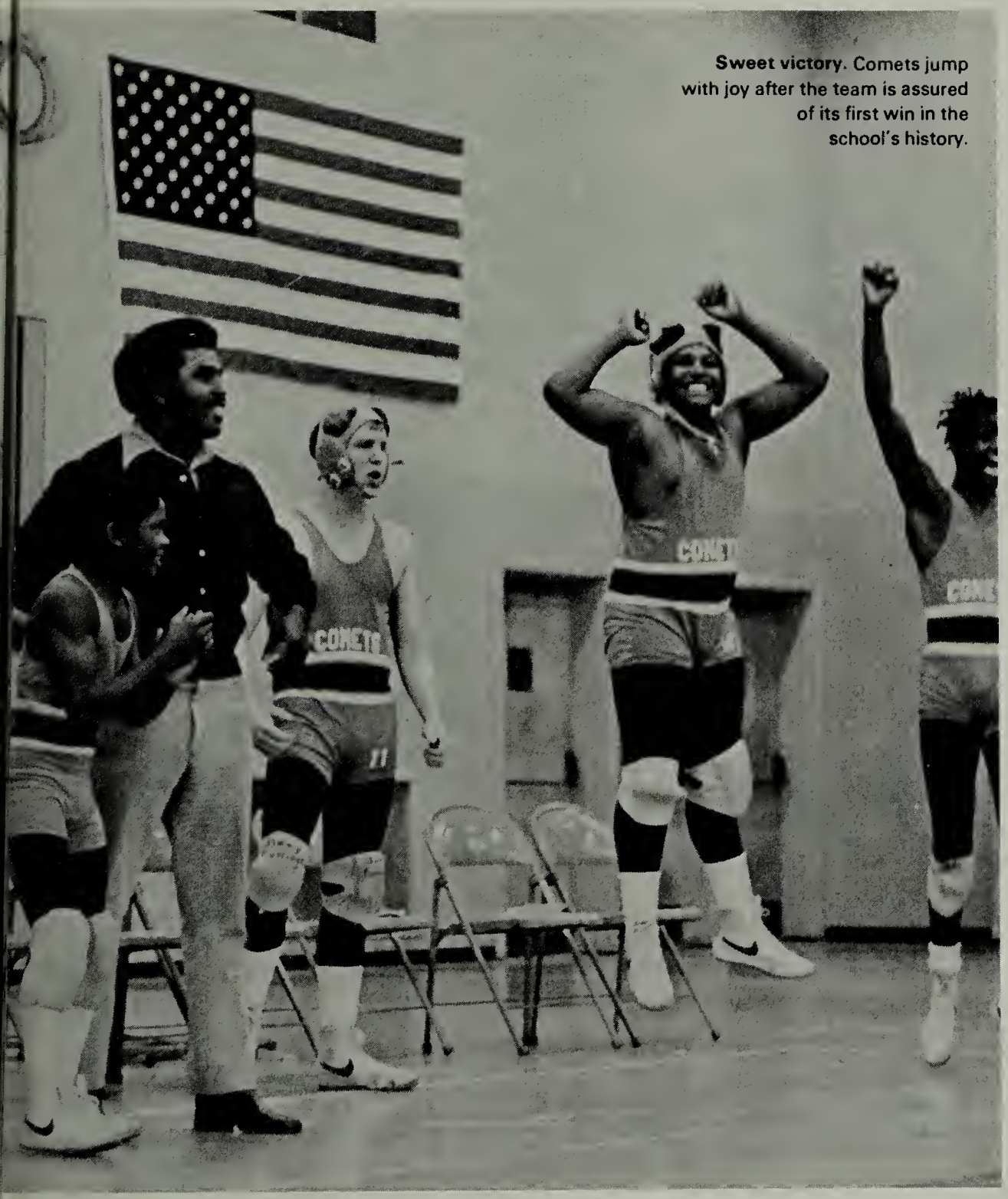


Tight hold Charlie Hightower tries to put his opponent away for good as he progresses toward a decision.

Wrestling 1976
Record: 4-6

	HCSH	Opp.
Franklin County	46	18
Brookville	22	39
Northside	17	46
Chatham	19	38
Pulaski	37	25
E.C. Glass	22	33
Patrick Henry	48	12
Cave Spring	23	36
GW		Forfeit
William Fleming	25	30

Keep him down. Earnest Wilson, a toughie in the 98-pound class, adds to the Comet score in a home match.



Sweet victory. Comets jump with joy after the team is assured of its first win in the school's history.

Determination is the word that best describes the wrestling team. With only a little more experience than last year's squad, the school's first ever, they were successful in sending four men to the regionals and one to the state competition.

The regional competitors included Ernest Wilson, a 98 pounder who placed sixth; George Passely, at 132 pounds, also finished sixth; Jimmy Farrington, wrestling in the tough 185 pound division, placed fifth and star performer Charlie Wilson finished second and qualified for the state finals. Charlie a junior, made a fine showing in state competition and placed sixth over 11.

Jimmy "Bull" Farrington was very excited about his fine individual season as he exclaimed, "I almost went undefeated for the year." Jimmy was a little disappointed in the small crowds that came to home matches, but "we always gave it our best shot anyway." Jimmy was also pleased with the second year team's fine 4-4 district record. Jimmy summed up the feeling of the entire squad by adding, "It sure was good being a winner."

A final highlight in the wrestling season was Dewey Guill. Dewey became the first Comet wrestler in history to win a wrestling scholarship when he signed with Chowan Junior College in North Carolina.

Comet grapplers. (Bottom row) Tommy Daniel, Chancie Crowder, Kenneth Daniel, Jay Matthews, Earnest Wilson, Dewey Guill, **(second row)** Landron Williams, Ethan Stanfield, Earl Allen, Steve Farrington, Kenneth Logan, Melvern Faulkner, Charlie Wilson, **(top row)** Coach Randolph Perry, Kovac Dance, David Ferrell, Earl Ferrell, James Farrington, James Ferrell, Leon Jones, George Passely, Jesse Barksdale, and Assistant Coach Jerry Marsella.

Of course, cheerleaders earn letters!

Practice makes perfect. Practices in mid-August were long and tiring. Debbie Womack, Donna Harris, Karen Meadows, Sherry Talbott, Cathy Collins, and Jenny Morgan prepare for the season opener with Roxboro.

In "Blue Heaven." Head cheerleaders Judy Allen and Charlene D'Agata attempt to liven the fans' spirits in the home contest against GW.

Pep rally concentration. Varsity and JV cheerleaders perform their routines at the Homecoming asembly. The cheerleaders were given flowers for the game.

Inset. Sherry Talbott stresses pep and enthusiasm to the fans at a pep rally. Three pep rallies were held during basketball season.

Varsity cheerleaders. (Front row) Jenny Morgan, Arlene Chambers, Charlene D'Agata, Judy Allen, Cathy Collins. **(back row)** Sandy Crouch, Patti Ford, Sherry Talbott, Donna Harris, Karen Meadows. Not pictured is Debbie Womack. The cheerleaders served the players cake and lemonade on days of home games.

"Cheerleaders get a letter . . . just for cheerleading!?! You're kidding." Yes, we were faced with quite a few witty remarks. Of course, we got letters!

For the first time, cheerleading was officially considered a sport, operating under Virginia High School League regulations. Practice began in the hot afternoons of August. We not only practiced cheers, we ran laps and wind sprints, worked out in the weight room, and suffered through hours of exercises, supervised by Mr. Bill Moore.

Butterflies in our stomachs, curlers in our hair, we boarded the van for our first football game. Eager to make a good impression on the crowd, we ran to the sideline and performed new cheers with daring stunts that the crowd actually applauded. After that first game, nerves disappeared and cheering became fun.

Decked out in new uniforms, we prepared for basketball season. Although we had no state finalist basketball team, as in previous years, we cheered just as hard to revive dampened spirits.

Cheerleading could easily be described as a unique experience. Whether at camp, practice, games or even on van trips, we worked out ways to make the year memorable and enjoyable. Our letter to us represents all the hours of work, quarrels, laughs and fun that we had being a varsity cheerleader.

Time out. Cheerleaders Donna Harris, Patti Ford, Sherry Talbott, Karen Meadows and Charlene D'Agata swap sweaters for vests to escape the heat during Cave Spring's Homecoming game.

It's not all cheering

Cheering for the team, renting seat cushions and serving the players were just some of the activities that kept the junior varsity cheerleaders busy. Being a cheerleader required a great deal of hard work, but the result was a sense of accomplishment and pride.

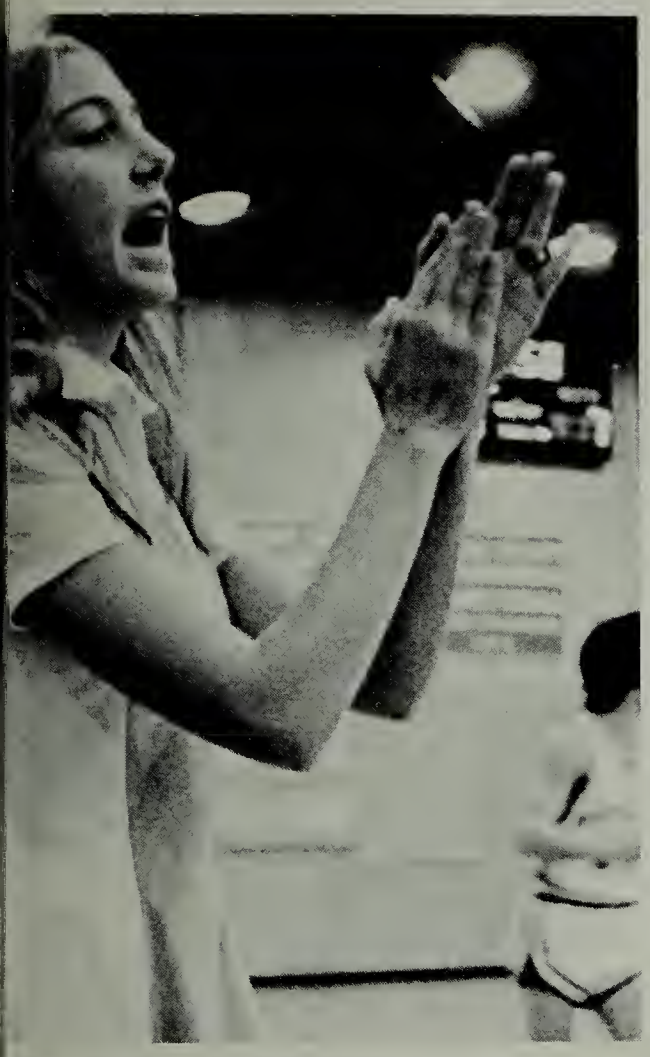
The cheerleaders began practice in August, and finally, after a month of practicing in the boiling sun and after attending cheerleading camp at Longwood College, they were ready for the season. The girls were delighted when cheering for a winning team, but they were always there to encourage a weary player after a defeat.

Another aspect of JV cheerleading was renting seat cushions during varsity games. It was the responsibility of the JV cheerleaders to rent as many cushions as possible before the game and collect them afterwards. The latter was not always an easy accomplishment since fans loved to keep the cushions as souvenirs.

Two of the most memorable events during the year were Homecoming night and cheering during pep rallies. On Homecoming night and during the pep rallies, the JV cheerleaders enjoyed cheering with the varsity cheerleaders and joining in with the Homecoming festivities. The cheerleaders also enjoyed being driven to all of the away games in the school van by their faithful sponsor Mr. Bill Moore. This was always an adventure.

Cheerleading was a valuable experience for the girls involved. Along with traveling to other schools and meeting new people, it taught responsibility, leadership and teamwork.

High kicks. The cheerleaders try to build the enthusiasm of the crowds with their kicks during an afternoon pep rally.



Clap your hands, everybody. A cheer and a boost come easy from JV cheerleader Ann McLaughlin at a home basketball game.

JV squad. (Front row) Sandra Dismuke, Florence Logan, Joni Coleman, Jeri Rose, Laurie Crews, **(back row)** Annie Overby, Kelva Edmunds, Ann McLaughlin, Mary Ann Elliott, Kim Hastings and Sarah Slayton.

Blue jean knight. Chivalry is still alive and well as Mark Wilkerson stops a minute to help Mary Ann Elliott tie her shoe before she has to cheer.

Up and away. JV cheerleader Kelva Edmunds executes a high jump during half-time of one of the basketball games.

Basketball team. (Kneeling) Deborah Wells, Lynn Spencer, Mattie Bowman, Donna Talbott, Sandy Sydnor, Donna Guthrie, Sandy Talbott, Kay Satterfield, (standing) Coach Frances Mitchell, scorekeeper Ann Gordon, Bonnie Conner, Diane Banks, Amanda A. Farmer, Anna Womack, Melba Delaware, Connie Canada, Annette Watts and manager Mattie Strader.

The untimely last second

For the girls' basketball team, this year was destined to be THE year for a winning team. From the very first practice, we knew that this was no ordinary team; for one thing, this year's seniors were the same girls who started the first girls' basketball team two years before. They had worked together for two years already and this was their chance to show their stuff.

We started off fine, with two big wins against GW and Franklin County, But then we suffered a disappointing loss to Northside. After that we recovered our composure and took the next two games without much trouble. Unfortunately, our luck didn't last quite long enough; we lost our last two games by a total of three points.

The last game was really something, and a win would have meant a place in the district tourney. The game went right down to the wire, with Halifax down by one as the final seconds approached. We took the last shot and when it went in, the crowd went wild. It was too bad, however, because the time-keeper ruled that the buzzer sounded before the basket was made. It was a tough loss to take but after awhile we revived enough to realize that even if the record said 4-4, we'd all remember 1975 as a winning season.

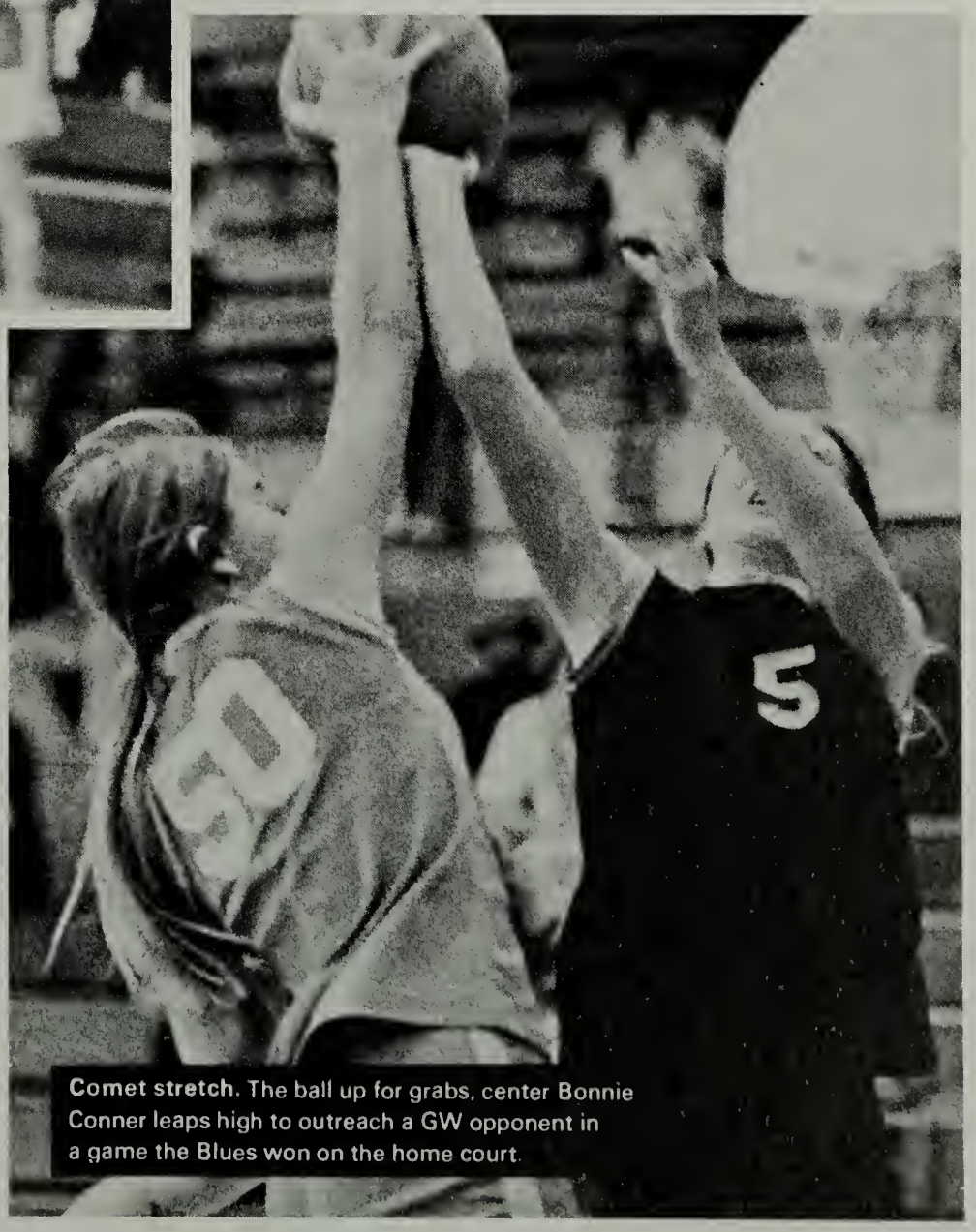
High-reaching leaders. Comet co-captains Diane Banks and Annette Watts share the honors of this rebound. Annette was the leading scorer for the season, ending with a 10.5 point average. Banks was third high team scorer with a 7.5 average and was also a leading rebounder.

Girls' Basketball 1975
Record: 4-4

	HCSH	Opp.
GW	46	41
Franklin County	57	37
Northside	45	57
Pulaski	63	49
Patrick Henry	60	45
Cave Spring	28	50
William Fleming	32	34
E.C. Glass	42	43

No help in sight. Surrounded by GW players, Comet captain Diane Banks tucks the ball away before taking it back up court.

Loose ball. Stretching for this loose ball in a home game against the Patrick Henry Patriots is Comet leader Annette Watts.



Comet stretch. The ball up for grabs, center Bonnie Conner leaps high to outreach a GW opponent in a game the Blues won on the home court.

Another assist for Satt. Giving a teammate a chance to make two, Kay Satterfield bounce passes the ball by a Franklin County player.

A steady gain in popularity

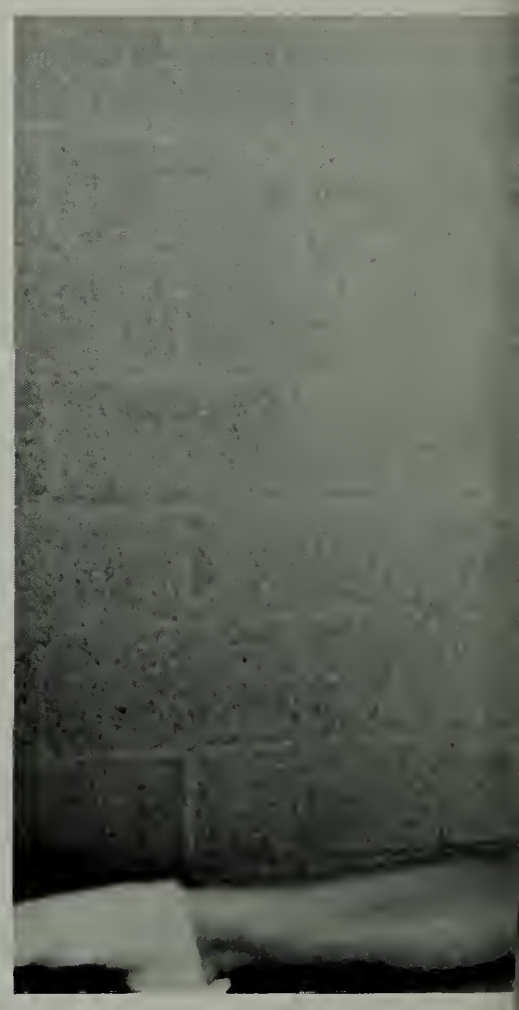
Girls' sports have steadily gained popularity among Comet fans and the varsity gymnastics and volleyball teams have helped lead the way. The girls spent each day after school serving and spiking and pivoting and leaping with hopes of bringing a district championship back to Blue Heaven. With hours of hard practice behind them, they headed into the Western District championships.

The volleyball team had qualified for the district meet for the first time, and it was a nervous group of girls who went to Cave Spring. They played their best and finished a credible fourth.

On the move. There's never time to stand still on a volleyball court. Betty Adams and Terri Weaver take care of this play as teammates Susan Pruit (22), Lisa Byerly (21) and, Betty Greer (9) prepare to help.

Getting ready. Susan Pruit prepares for a hit as she waits for the ball to come down. Teammate Lisa Byerly stays clear to give her room to hit.

Look, Ma, no hands. Veteran gymnast Sheila Stephens begins to take off for an aerial cartwheel in preparing for an upcoming meet.



Girls place sixth in district tourney

Faced with the stiffest competition ever, the gymnasts knew they had a hard test ahead of them as they prepared to compete with Cave Spring and E.C. Glass. As a team, they placed only sixth out of eight. Individual honors went to Shelia Stephens and Debbie Harrison who placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in the all-around event.

Gymnastics team. (Front) Nazrin Mazuji, Cheryl Hailey, Kim Hastings, Ann McLaughlin, **(back)** Kathy Langston, Sheila Stephens and Debbie Harrison.

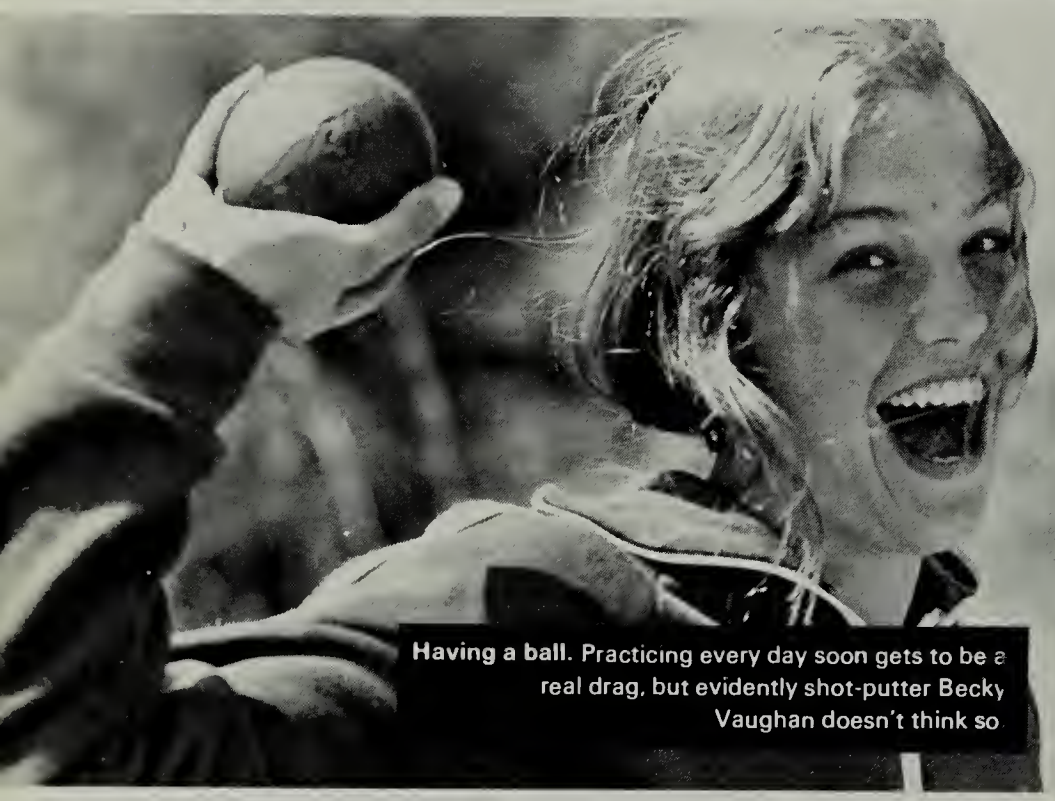
Volleyball team. (Front) Gina Poindexter, Anne Benassi, Kelly Rebick, Terri Weaver, Debbie Harrison, Betty Adams, Cynthia Childrey, **(back)** Audria Poindexter, Carlene Conner, Betty Greer, Vanessa Ragsdale, Susan Pruit, Lisa Byerly, Vicki Jenkins and Coach Anne Cochran.

Perilous perch. Humptey-Dumptey sat on a wall, but never like this. Comet gymnast Debbie Harrison exhibits a difficult position on the balance beam.

Grand finale. Sheila Stephens ends her floor exercises with a graceful note as she practices it one last time.

Tennis team. (Bottom row) Harriett Hite, Donna Talbott, Kay Satterfield, Annette Watts, Lynn Spencer, (middle row) Lisa Byerly, Terri Weaver, Sherri Nunn, Betty Adams, Barbara Cage, (top row) Betty Barker, Sandy Talbott, Coach Ann Cochran, Jenny Morgan and Kelly Rebick.

It's a hit. Concentration is the name of the game when number three player Sherri Nunn returns with a back hand stroke.

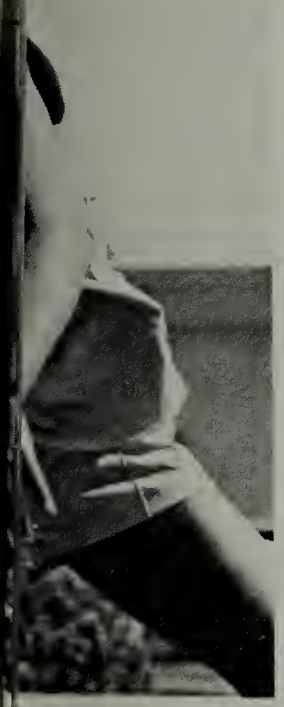


Having a ball. Practicing every day soon gets to be a real drag, but evidently shot-putter Becky Vaughan doesn't think so.

Though the track team sported a not so impressive record of 2-4-0, this season boasted several individual accomplishments which stand out as victories. Geneva Glass, running the 100 yard dash in 11.9 and the 440 yard dash in 67.1, broke two school records. Also, Carolyn Robinson broke the shot-put record with a throw of 35' 1½" and Mary Bostick set a new high jump record of 4' 10".

The tennis team ended up a little better with a record of 5-6. This was a strong year for the team, as five of the top six positions were held by seniors. Unfortunately though, experience alone doesn't win matches. We had plenty of fun times though, and in the long run that's what you remember most. One prerequisite for each trip was that each girl who went had to be prepared with at least two jokes to liven up the trip home. We had some pretty tough matches, but even the defeats were forgotten when some of the more lively jokes were told.

Cuddle up. Pulling her knees in tight and struggling for those few extra inches, Florence Logan kicks her heels in a long jump against GW.



Up and over. Gritting her teeth to aid in the effort, Comet track star Geneva Glass clears a hurdle way ahead of competition.

Track team. (Front) Deborah Wells, Carolyn Robinson, Mary Bostick, Annie Overby, Florence Logan, Abbey Shealy, Mary T. Crowder, Wanda Stone, Nazrin Mazuji, Judy Allen, Carolyn Leigh, Geneva Glass, Bonnie Conner, **(back)** Vanessa Ragsdale, Becky Vaughan, Caroline Watkins, Darla Carrington, Melba Edmondson, Yolanda Gomes, Sandra Calloway, Ann McLaughlin, Linda Kirby, Debbie Harrison, Sandy Sydnor, Sherri Talbott, Sarah Slayton, Coach Martha Avery and Assistant Coach Frances Mitchell.

Meet the ball. Kelly Rebick keeps her eye on the ball as she prepares to return the shot to her opponent in a home match.

A deep breath. Kay Satterfield, who alternated with Barbara Cage in playing the number one position, puts a lot of force behind this return.

Plenty of fun times

Reach for it. Stretching high and coming down hard, Terri Weaver completes a serve to her opponent during a home match against Brookville.

District title slips by

All-star. Mike Taylor, who was selected to play in the first Virginia All-star baseball game, displays why in a 15-4 win over Patrick Henry.

Disappointment! That was the word for the baseball season. Everyone hoped that this year the Comet nine would capture the state title, but this was not to happen.

All through the season the Comets' hope was to stay on top in the district because they knew that the Western District tournament would be played on the first place winner's field. But the victor's honor went to George Washington, and so the Comets traveled to Danville to face William Fleming in a semi-final round. In this game the Comets played five full innings of truly championship caliber baseball to give them an eight run lead. Then came the sixth inning and incredible as it may seem the Blues lost

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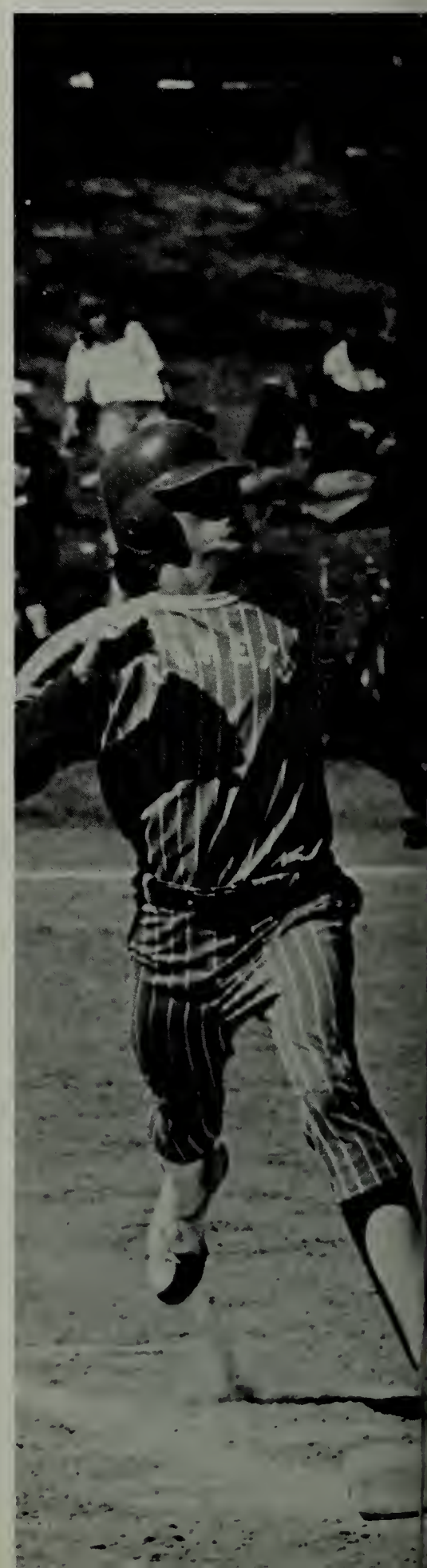
Steaks anyone! Bryant Hunt, Stanley Davis and David Day look with eager eyes as Coach Powell and Mr. Lawson Osborne prepare steaks for a dinner sponsored by the **Gazette Virginian.**

Tight race. Joey Cole strains to beat the Northside throw to first base in a home victory.



No hitter. Kenny Villines displays the exceptional form that he used in his no-hit victory against Nottoway.

Baseball Team. (Bottom row) Anthony Jones, Jeff Nelson, Odie Clark, Joey Cole, Kenny Villines and Scott Worsham, **(middle row)** Steve Meadows, Billy Jones, W.J. Long, Jr., Bryant Hunt, Calvin Medley, David Day and Mark Yates, **(top row)** Asst. Coach Tyrone Powell, Mike Taylor, Curtis Dismuke, Johnnie Dismuke, Stanley Davis and Head Coach Joe Hyatt.

Baseball 1976
Record: 12-7

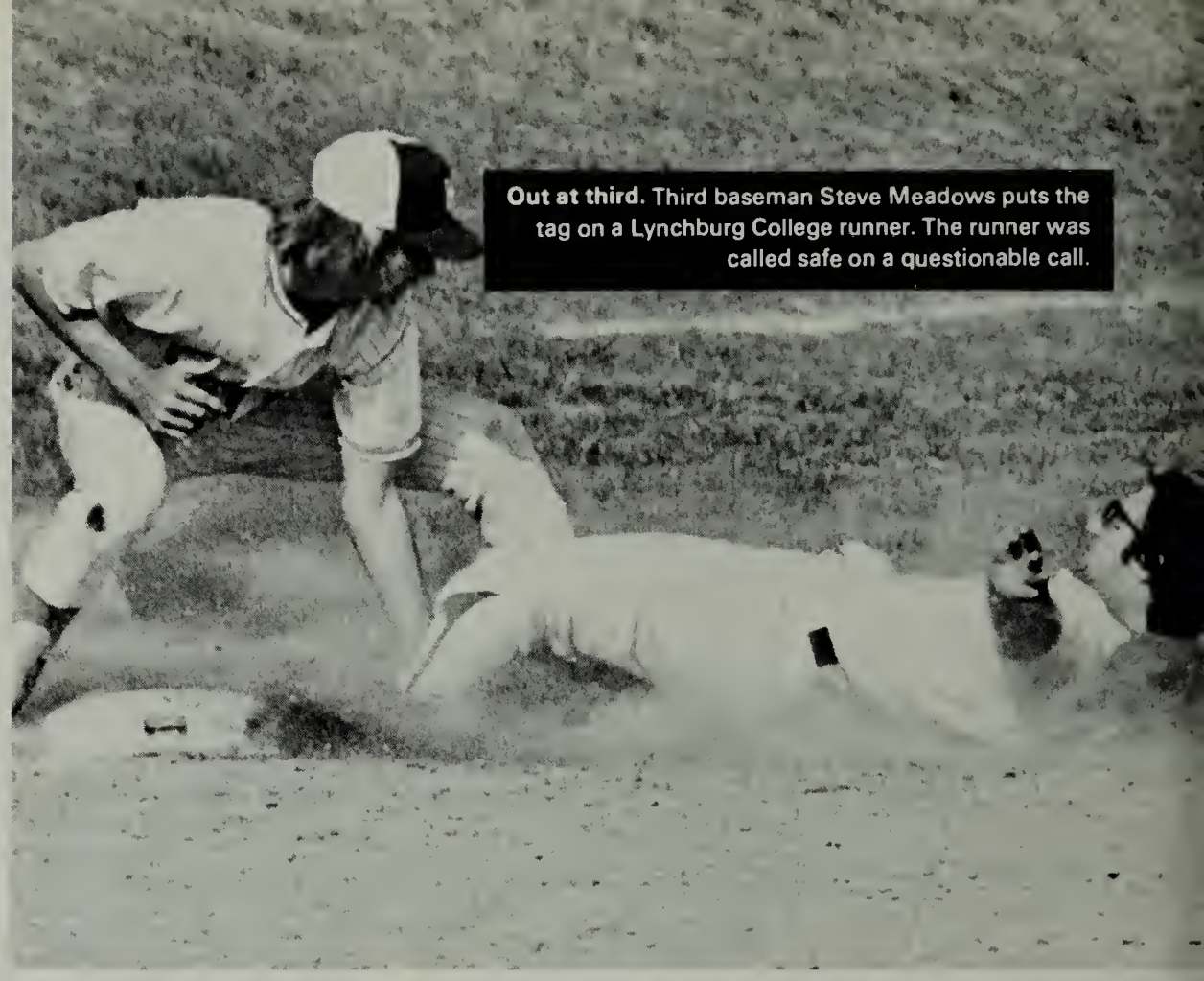
	HCSH	Opp.
Person County	10	0
Lynchburg Col.	6	1
GW	1	2
E.C. Glass	1	6
Nottoway	8	0
GW	3	2
Nottoway	7	4
Person County	4	3
Lynchburg Col.	3	5
Franklin County	6	5
Franklin County	5	12
Northside	7	3
Pulaski County	20	8
Patrick Henry	15	4
Patrick Henry	10	7
Cave Springs	2	3
William Fleming	3	6
E.C. Glass	8	0
District Tournament		
William Fleming	11	14

Title slips by

continued

control and said good-bye to hopes of a trophy, on an 11-14 score. Although the season didn't turn out as expected, the best batting average went to first baseman Stanley Davis with a .441. Stanley also received the Most-Valuable-Player honors.

The top award for defensive playing went to Mike Taylor. Mike was also selected to play in the first Virginia All-star baseball game. Joey Cole was selected as the best pitcher with an 8-3 record, with two of these wins shutouts. There was only one no-hitter pitched and that was by Kenny Villines.



Out at third. Third baseman Steve Meadows puts the tag on a Lynchburg College runner. The runner was called safe on a questionable call.

Most valuable. MVP Stanley Davis is mobbed by his teammates at home plate after his game winning homerun against GW

Home slide. Stanley Davis slides into homeplate to score another run in the second Patrick Henry game. Stanley had a .441 average.

Homerun man. Scott Worsham is congratulated by his teammates after hitting one of two homers against Patrick Henry.

Number one. Number one hurler Joey Cole heaves for the Comets in a home contest. Joey had an 8-3 record for the season.

Rundown. Odie Clark is caught in a rundown at home plate during the second Patrick Henry game. Odie did score to help the 10-7 win.

'We just couldn't catch up to the tournament leaders.'

"We came so close, yet we were so far away from it." That statement can sum up the school's record in state title matches. This time, golf had its chance and we gave it a good shot. Lady luck seemed to be against us as conditions were terrible for play, but we played on and finished a long way out of the race.

Our team did have a fantastic year, though. For the first time in the school's history we won the district and regional titles. Phil Rinker was our leader, but David Ford, Robbie Harris and Joey Piechota kept pushing him for that job. For once we played as a team, and even the people that didn't make the travelling team played hard enough to make the others play better.

We had to play a "gutsy" type of game to get to the state and regionals, and we thought we were pretty good. After we got there, we knew we were in for a hard time; eight teams were fighting for one title. After the first day, we played as we should, but it wasn't enough. We just couldn't catch up to the leaders.

Scanning the situation. Robbie Harris and David Ford look the course over before they try to help the Comet cause during the state tourney in Virginia Beach.

Perfect form. Phil Rinker tees off in the state tournament at Virginia Beach. The weather hindered the Comets as they made only a seventh place finish.

Golf 1976
Record: 6-6

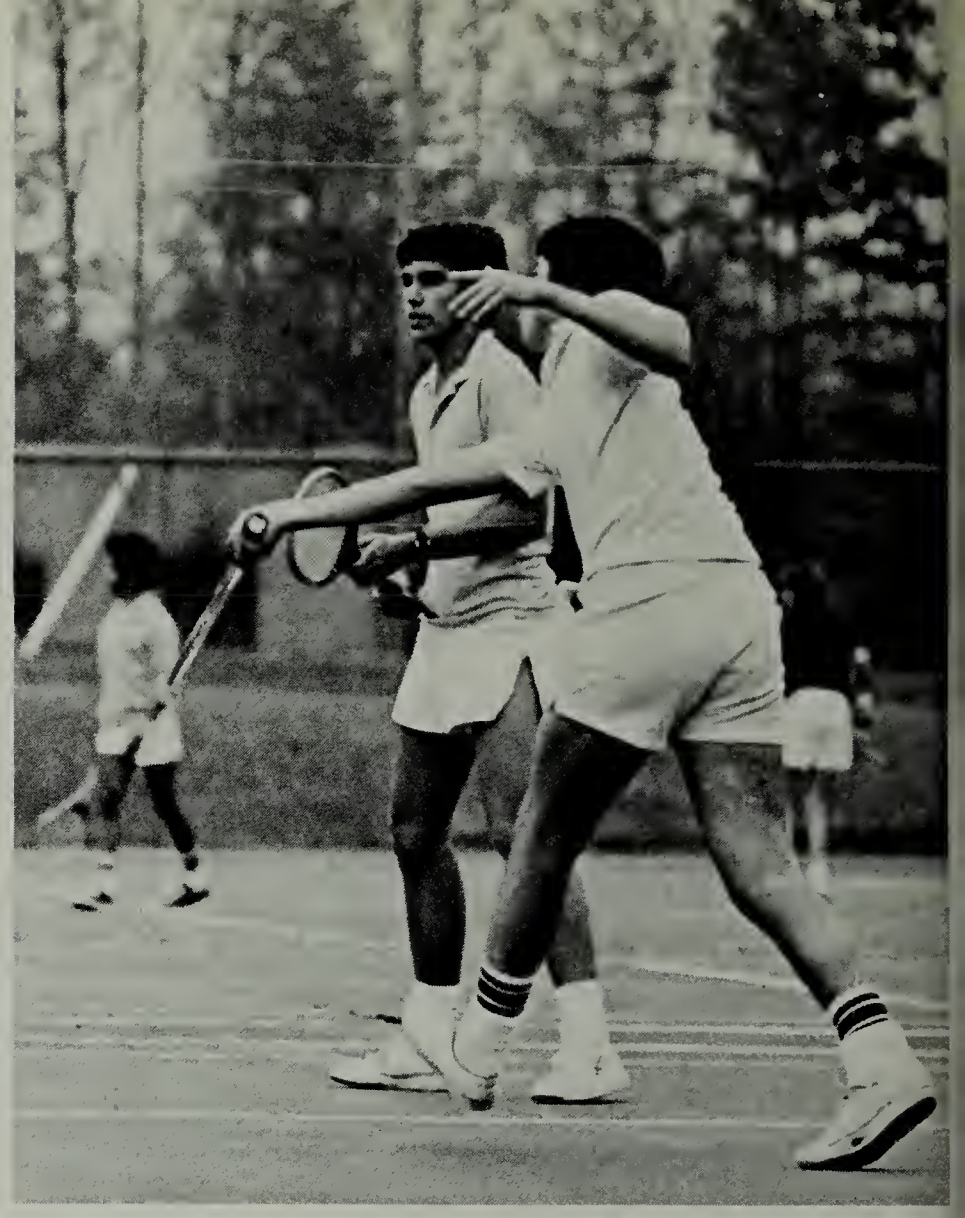
	HCSH	Opp.
GW	334	308
Ravenscroft	334	327
E.C. Glass	310	317
Rustburg	164	178
GW	317	320
Nottoway	319	349
Central	319	372
Franklin County	325	347
E.C. Glass	316	302
Franklin County	316	311
GW	316	295
GW	319	309
Western District		
E.C. Glass	309	309*
Patrick Henry	309	309*
Regional		
Stonewall Jackson	321	325

State
Seventh Place
*—Playoff

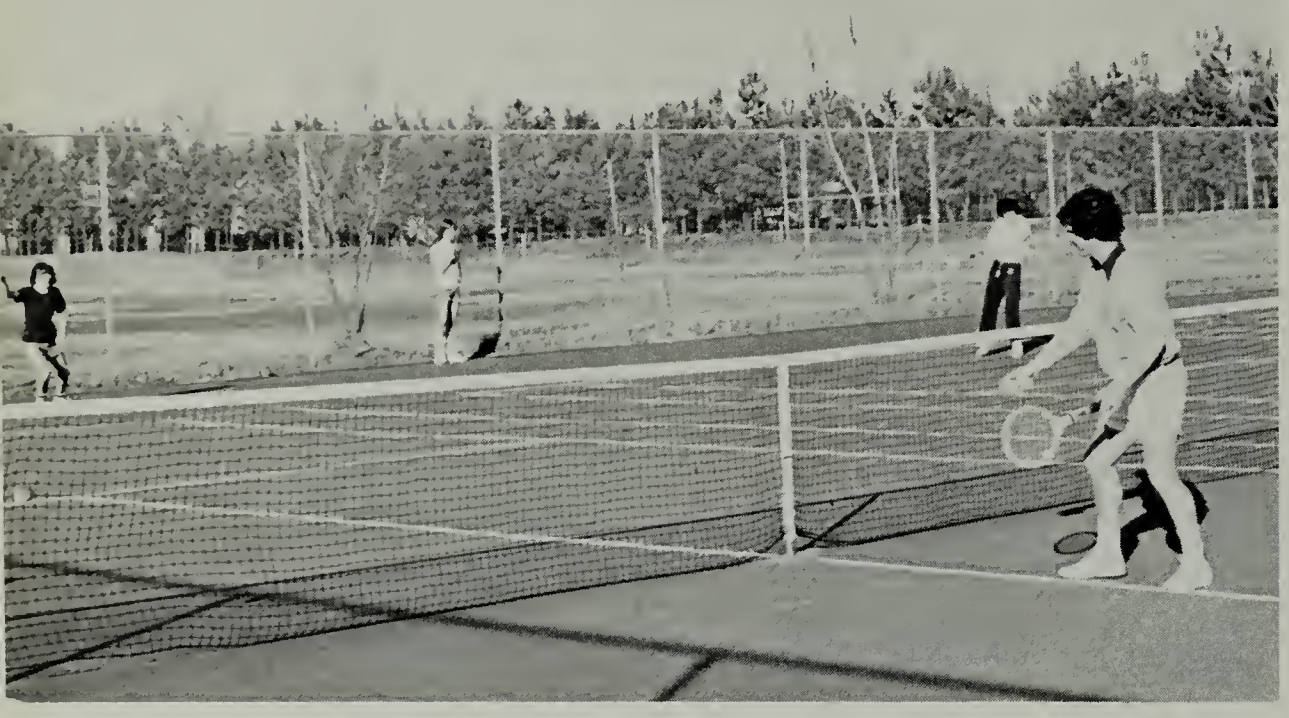
Golf team. Chuck Shealy, Doug Hutcherson, Joey Piechota, Mark Cassida, David Ford, Phil Rinker, Robbie Harris, Fred Evans and Coach Wayne Lloyd.

Eyeing for accuracy. David Ford lines up a putt against GW. The team was plagued with mistakes and dropped an important match, 319 to 309.

Doubles team. Rob Cox and Don Yeatts, both seniors, team up against Wm. Fleming. Cox and Yeatts were the most successful doubles team of the year.



Afternoon practice. To prepare for the 1976 tennis season, Coach Mickey Vanney helps the team with warm up drills.



Smooth stroke. In a match against GW, Fielding Cage returns a forehand. After two sets Cage's opponent had to default due to a bad ankle.

Varsity tennis. (Kneeling) Kenneth Guill, Sterling Edmonds, Kevin Fitz, Alvin Williams, **(standing)** Rowland Jones, Rob Cox, Eugene Lee, Mike Cole, Hill Felton and Coach Mickey Vanney. Not pictured are Rickey Rowland, Fielding Cage and Don Yeatts.

Tennis year: disappointing, but fun

To look at our record you might think the tennis team practiced only once a week. That was not the case; we worked hard almost every day of the week.

There were many disappointments during our three-month season. We lost some matches we should have won (Person County), but we also won some that we expected to lose (Northside). When we lost a match, we would go into practice the next day and try to correct all the little mistakes we had made the day before. Even when we won, we would try to correct errors we had made. The tennis court became a home.

Traveling to a match is rarely a bore, especially when you have to ride with the baseball team. There is always some chatter in the bus or some music playing, and after a match there is a race to the hamburgers no matter where you stop.

At the Awards Assembly in late May, Rob Cox was named most valuable player by the vote of his teammates. Don Yeatts won most improved player honors.

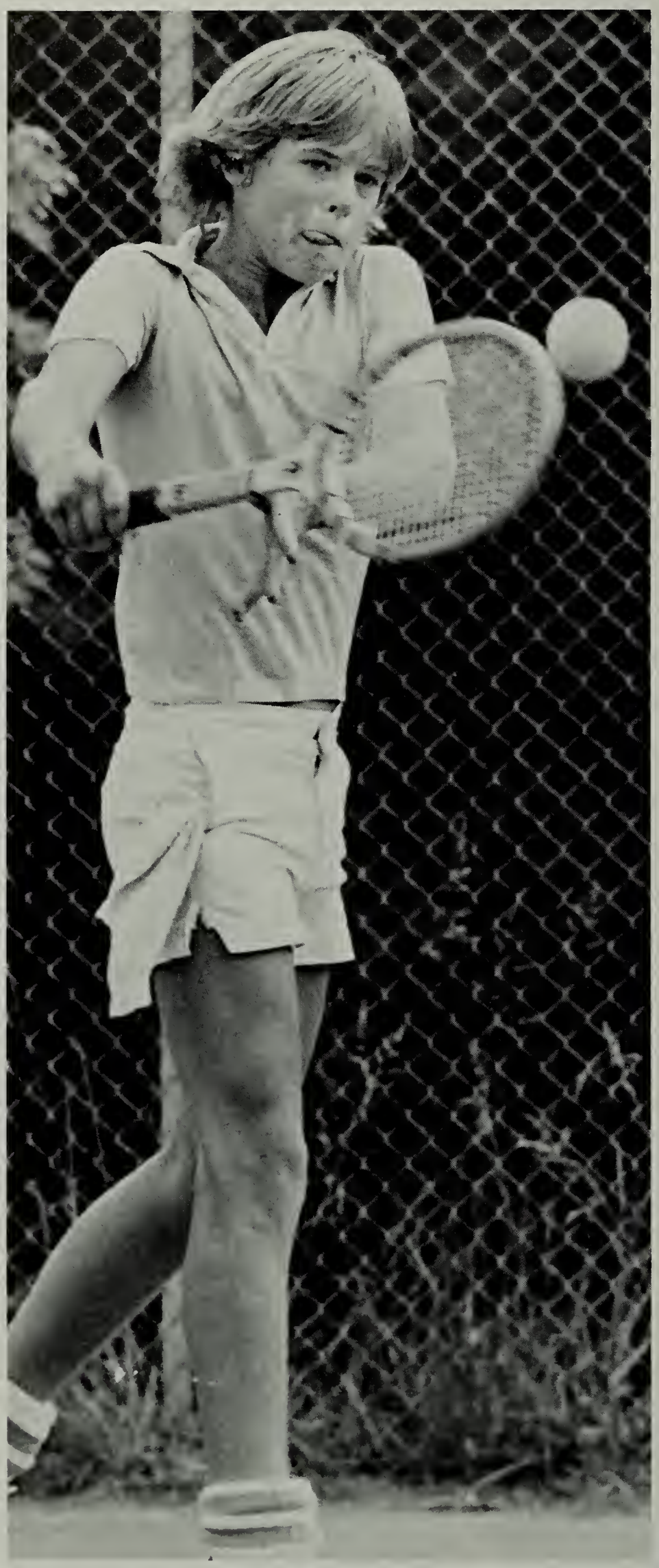
So what was the year like? Disappointing, but fun!

Tennis 1976
Record: 4-10

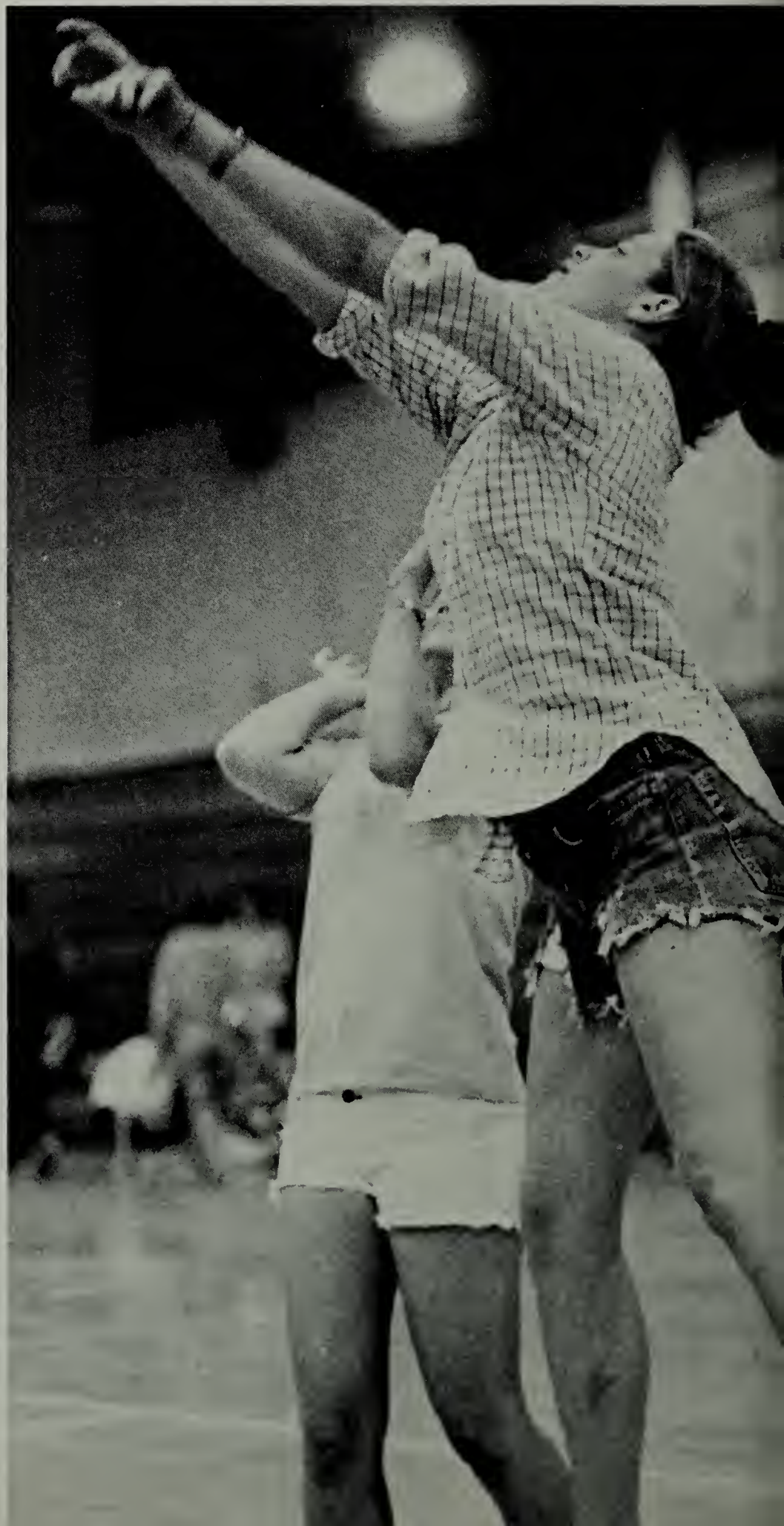
	HCSH	Opp.
Person County	4	5
Central Senior	6	3
GW	1	8
Glass	0	9
GW	3	6
Central	8	1
Person County	4	5
Franklin County	3	6
Northside	5	4
Pulaski County	0	9
Patrick Henry	2	7
Cave Springs	0	9
William Fleming	6	3
Glass	0	9

Service ace. In a match against E. C. Glass, Kenneth Guill concentrates on his serve. Kenneth played number one for the team most of the year.

Thumbs up. Making sure everything is O.K., Andy Hall looks his plane over after a landing at the local airport.



Take that. Fielding Cage slashes a backhand on the court after school while perfecting his tennis game. Tennis is a favorite pastime for Fielding.



The big push. Sandy Crouch and Beth Guthrie watch as Sherry Talbott leaps into the air to return a serve during the spring volleyball matches sponsored by the county recreation department.

Personalized sports

It's what the other 70 per cent do

While approximately 30 per cent of the students are participating in school sports, what are the rest of them doing to stay physically fit?

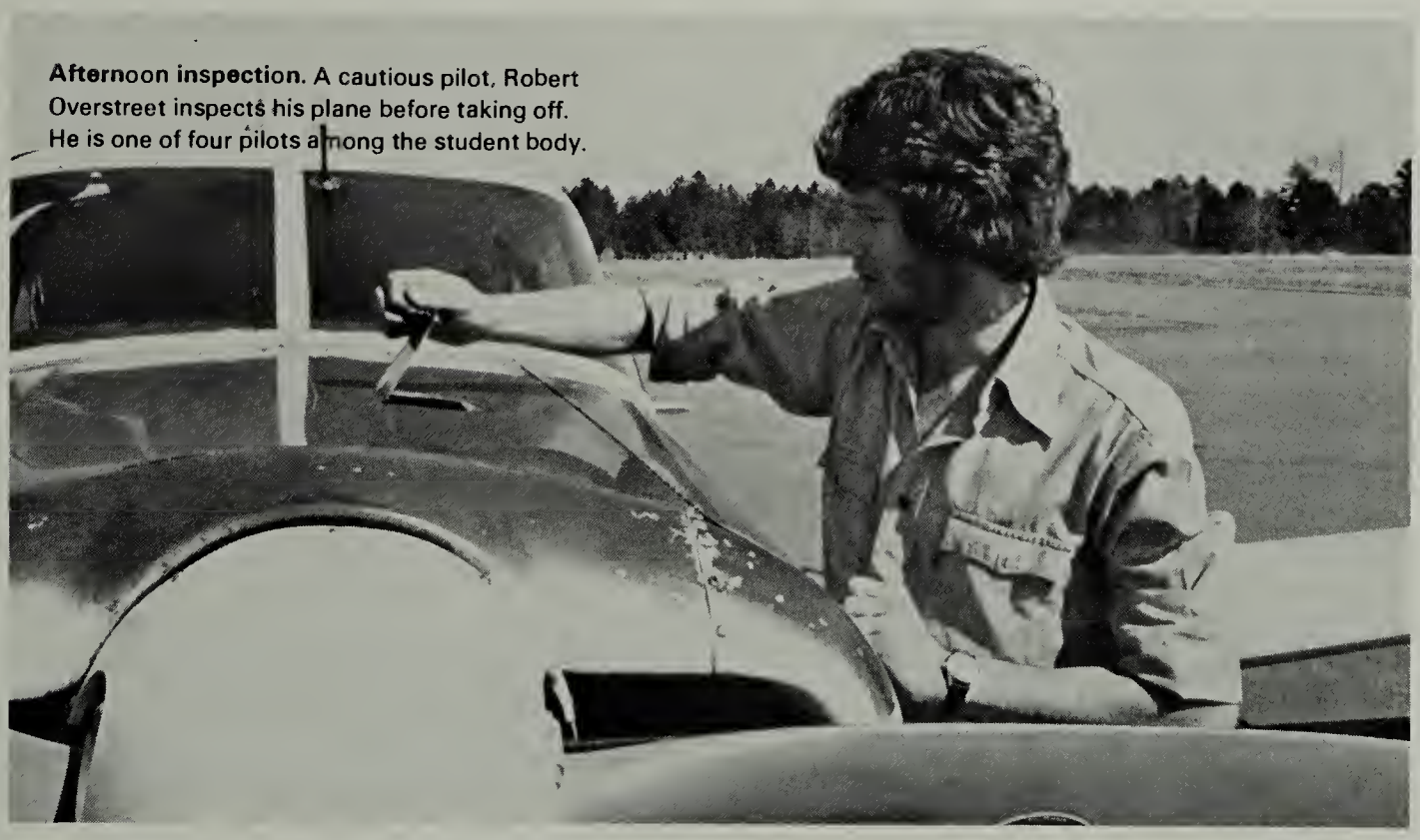
Individual sports play an important role in the lives of students. Individual sports allow a person to compete with himself as well as with friends.

The sport of flying seemed to gain popularity. Obviously, the feeling of being alone in mid air has lured people into the sport. Students seem to have overlooked the fact that flying is an expensive sport.

Tennis offers competition and enjoyment to its participants. While some players are on the court with the hope of becoming another Jimmy Connors and perhaps playing at Forest Hills someday, others are playing for sheer enjoyment.

Many county athletes improve their strength and quickness by lifting weights and playing handball at the school's weight room. Weightlifting and handball enable athletes to stay in shape during their sports off-season.

Hunting, fishing, jogging and biking are all frequently on the student's sports calendar. No matter what sport is chosen, the players do it for enjoyment, the thrill of competition and for physical fitness.



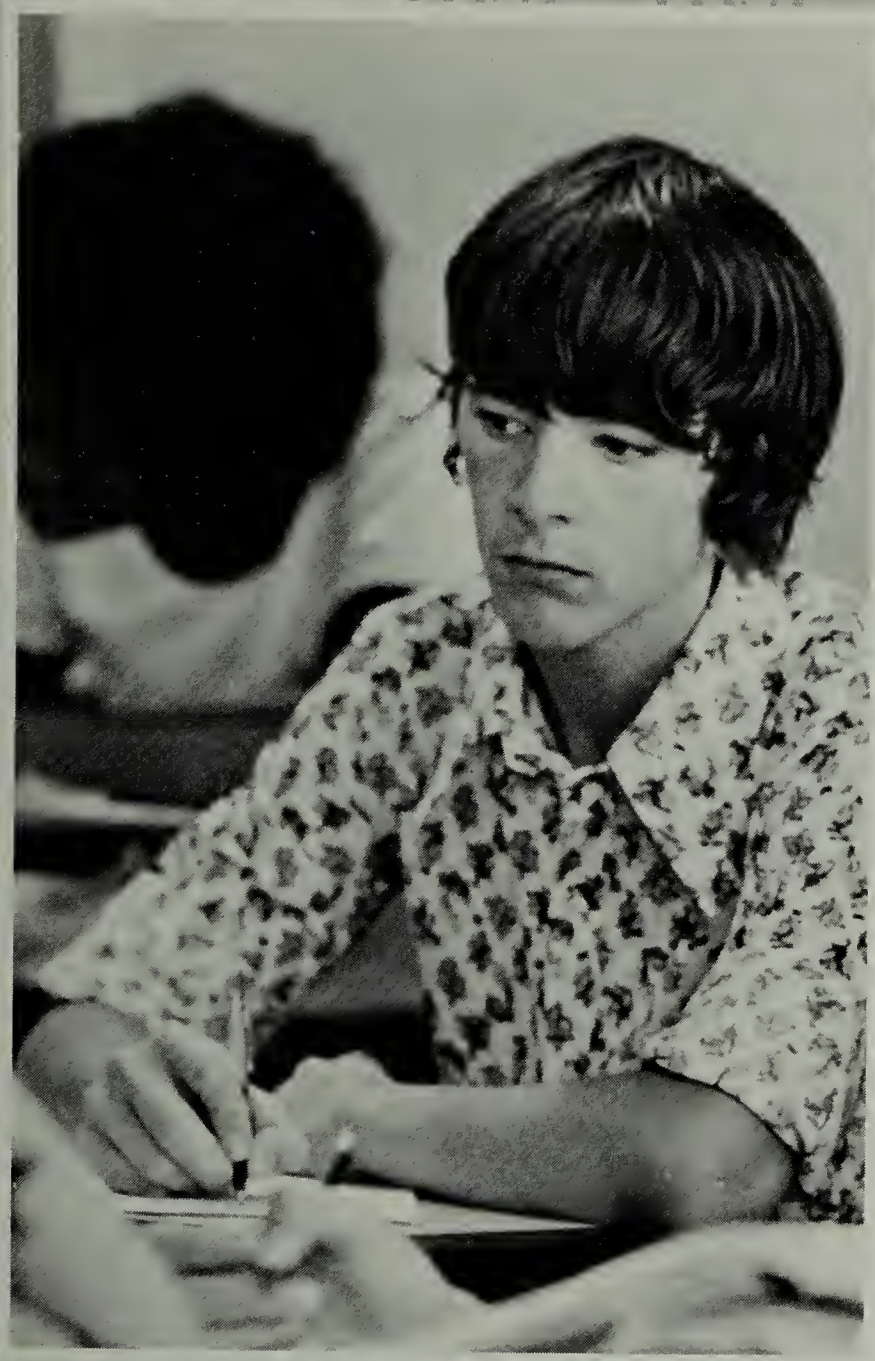
Afternoon inspection. A cautious pilot, Robert Overstreet inspects his plane before taking off. He is one of four pilots among the student body.

Lipton tea lovers? Mae Nelson, Sarah Slayton and Charlene D'Agata frolic in the pool at the Halifax County Country Club on a hot summer day.

The year the exams came back again

The successful completion of high school days requires much more than normal attention to a 9:00-to-3:10 routine. "Students" cannot be that alone: they must be competitors, actors, listeners, researchers, contributors and workers, or at least possess some of the attributes of these roles in their struggles for grades and class position.

With the resurrection of exams, many students had a new part to perfect: that of the crammer. Others were already proficient enough in established roles to avoid the last minute studying second nature to the majority. Although these performances weren't always of top quality, the combination of a little ingenuity and attention enabled most students to survive another year of learning.



Tough problem. Sophomore Ricky Bates contemplates his solution for one of the problems on the Algebra I exam before writing it down. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors faced exams for the first time in three years.

Tedious work. The little finger points the right way as Robin Harrison begins to shape a lifeless piece of clay into a figure study.

Which book? A search through the library for the right book for a report occupies the study hall time of Emmett Edmonds.

Creating

It's learning how to make green

"Hey, Sallie, can you help me get this paint mixed? I need green. Don't I mix yellow and blue?"

"Of course not. It's red and blue and yellow. Here, let me show you how it's done . . . OOPPPS!!!! Maybe you were right after all."

Creating was learning. How else could she have learned the proper way to get green?

"Mr. Palmer, this fireside bench doesn't look right after I hammered it. Did I do something wrong?"

"I'll say. Never hammer a fireside bench. Use some screws and a screwdriver on it."

Creating was learning. How else could he have learned the correct way to hold the bench together?

"Mrs. Daniel, I think this sewing machine is broken. Will you look at it and see what's wrong?"

"Here's the problem. Always remember to thread the bobbin or your dress will fall apart."

Creating was learning. How else could she have avoided being arrested for indecent exposure?

Spanish insight. Mr. Pedro Zamora tries to create a different classroom atmosphere as he explains customs, traditions and every day life of the Spanish people.

Creative notes. Sarah Fuller experiments at the keyboard, fitting different notes together to create a new composition.

Body factory. A human body made of clay is only one of the creations students make in art, one of the fine art classes offered.

Looka' there! Beth Spencer demonstrates a totem pole she created as her project in Mr. David Lawson's American History class.

Stitches galore. Betty Miller designs her own wardrobe in home economics, the economical way to fashion beautiful clothes.

Working together. Debra Edmondson and Sharon Harris research for their term paper with the help of encyclopedias, magazines and each other.

Another way. While Dwayne Hawkins uses a calculator, Tommy Crowder employs his brain to solve a problem for physics research projects.

Researching

'I hate to tell you, Mrs. Conner, but my note cards are missing'

Researching. It's something we all do everyday. From finding out whether the author in our term paper won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize to finding out who "that girl" was he was talking to after lunch. It can't be avoided.

Researching and finding answers is a mundane, routine thing. However, if you don't find those answers, it can get pretty tough. It's the last night the library will stay open and you've only got one more page to type of your term paper, the one you're presently sweating over. Except, there seems to be a small problem. The book you got that quote out of and which you forgot to footnote is missing. Where could it be? After rewriting the last page, deleting the quote, staying up to three and turning it into the teacher, you decide to clean up those papers on the desk. Voila! There's the book. Or like the time you stayed up half the night to finish that lab report when, the next day, you don't even go to that class; instead, Dr. Venable announces an assembly.

We've all had some pretty tough times neither funny nor easy. But after it's all over, and we look back, we see the real procrastinators of time. We were the ones who if we had started the project earlier, we wouldn't have had any problem. And yet, we must laugh at ourselves. But, we'll stop that laughing and start back researching until all of our questions have been answered. When is that you say? Maybe never.

Seeking the answers. Career and College Night brings Tommy Holland back to school to try to answer his questions concerning his possible career and future in the armed services.

Taking notes. Junior Donna Harris writes down the author and publisher of one of the books which she will use for her term paper.

Pointing it out. Kim Murray seeks assistance from Mrs. Martha Penick who becomes a temporary library aide during term paper time.

TV repairman. Senior David Heath hooks up TV wiring. His job at Meeler-Pulliam TV Center sometimes even sends him under houses.

Beauty operator. Trying to please her customer, Sandy Ondich begins a combout at the Scientific Hairstyling School.

Working

Going to school and getting paid for it

Everything from selling to car washes

Going to school and getting paid for it is the advantage of being an ICT or a DE student.

Getting money may be the best advantage to students, but the purpose of the ICT and DE classes is an advantage in itself.

These classes provide various jobs for students who want to begin planning and preparing for their future career. The jobs provided for the students range from running a cash register to working on car motors.

You may have asked yourself such questions as, "What is the specific difference bewteen ICT and DE," or "What type of activities are involved in these classes?"

ICT teaches students a trade or vocation and DE teaches them about selling and merchandising. ICT provides jobs such as nursing, carpentry or mechanics. DE jobs include working in grocery stores, restaurants or other similar retailing businesses.

Money-raising activities involved in these two classes range from selling candy or toothbrushes to working in concession stands at the football games.

Inhalation therapy. (Top) Helping patients breathe better is Susan Puryear's job at Community Hospital. Parctice comes before work on a real patient.

Sales clerk. (Middle) Putting up stock is just one of the simple tasks for senior Adrienne Edmunds while working at Peoples' Drug.

Hospital helper. (Left) Junior Shirley Crisp demonstrates taking blood pressure as one of her many responsibilities at Community Hospital.

Acting

It's not all done on stage

Students were constantly putting on acts. The stage was set usually at the front of the room, with fellow classmates posing as the audience.

Their performances consisted of witty remarks, pantomime and even the occasional "tall tale." These actors performed out of pure necessity. They often went to the extremes in an effort to avoid trouble.

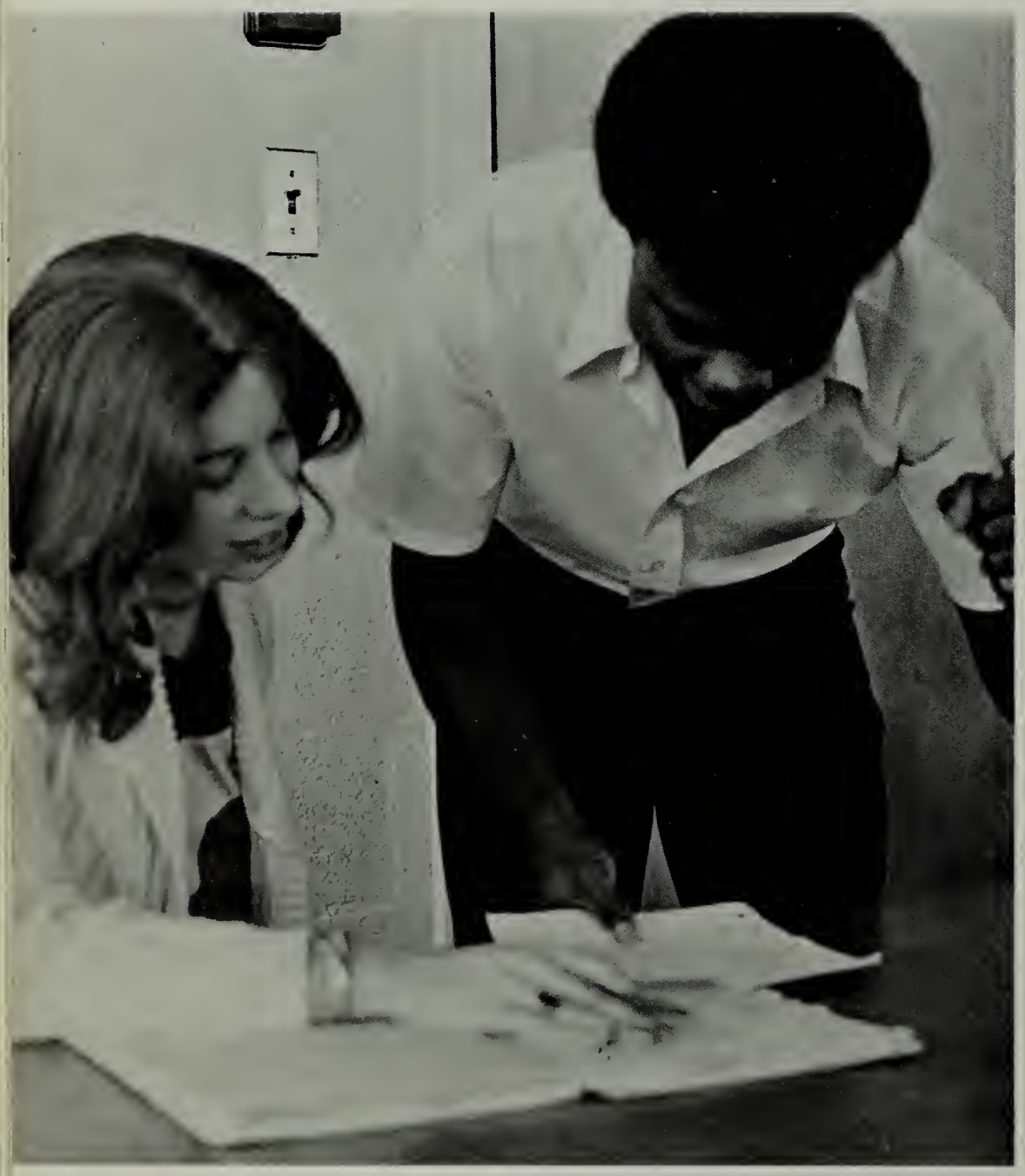
"Coach, I won't be able to dress out today. I hurt my left ankle."

"Well, may I ask why you're limping on your right one?"

"Oh! I forgot. That one hurts too."

As the spur of the moment performance came to an end, the audience responded and the actor hoped his show had been convincing. Regardless of the outcome, the show went on. Students continuously tried their luck at "putting one over the teacher."

But some classroom acting was legitimate. In drama class, students won credits for attempting to better their skills. They participated in one-act plays in the classroom and presented productions before the student body and the community.



Point beggar. Giving the performance of his life, Leon Carter begs Mrs. Rebecca Ramsey for one-only one-more point on an English test.

Commercial break. Miss Mildred Henderson makes a routine stop at Jimmy Farmer's desk to check on an algebra problem before returning to her mathematics show.

Overgrown infant. Super Comet Carlos Coleman and his teddy bear go over final preparations for a commercial in the annual Talent Show, sponsored by the Art Department.

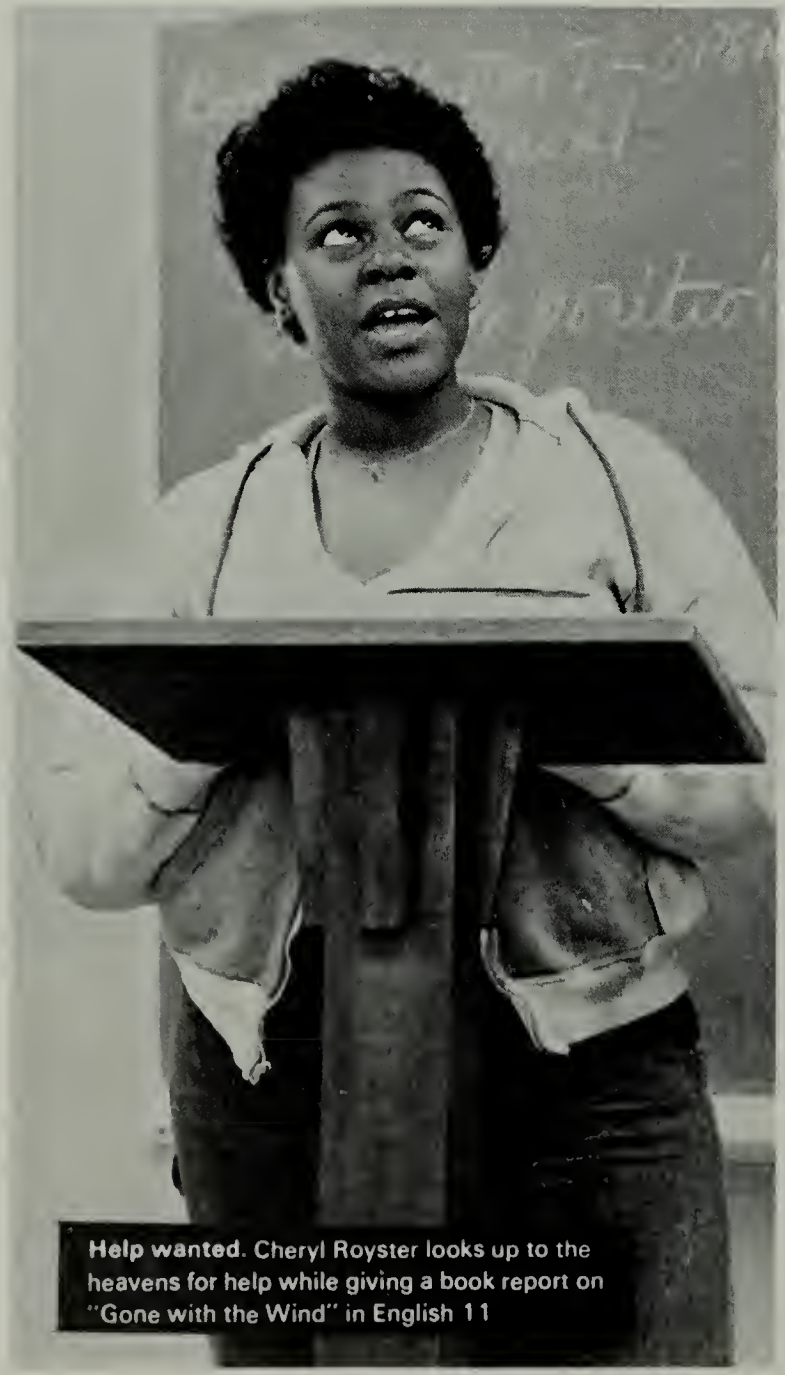
On Broadway. Drama students Andy Hall and Betty Greer expose their talents in "Rally Round the Flag" in front of a live audience. The play was produced by the Drama Department in the spring.

Future mother. In child development class, Ladonna Wyatt acts out her skills at being a future mother. Often children were brought in for students to observe.

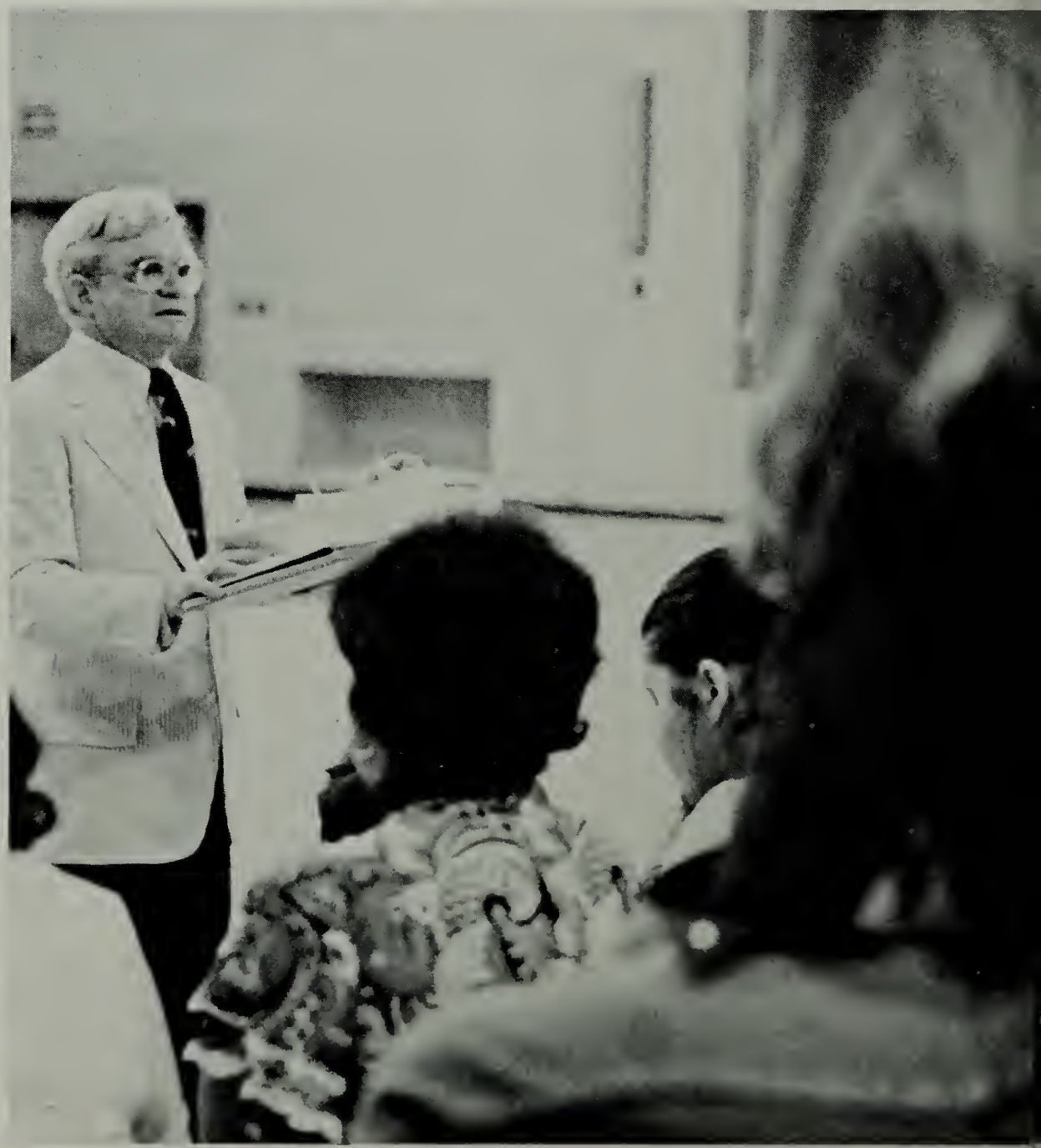
News typist. "Star" reporter Bonita Moore works to get her report on the FHA in by the paper's deadline.

Reporting

It's a hassle but it's something that has to be done in English, in history even in the SCA



Help wanted. Cheryl Royster looks up to the heavens for help while giving a book report on "Gone with the Wind" in English 11



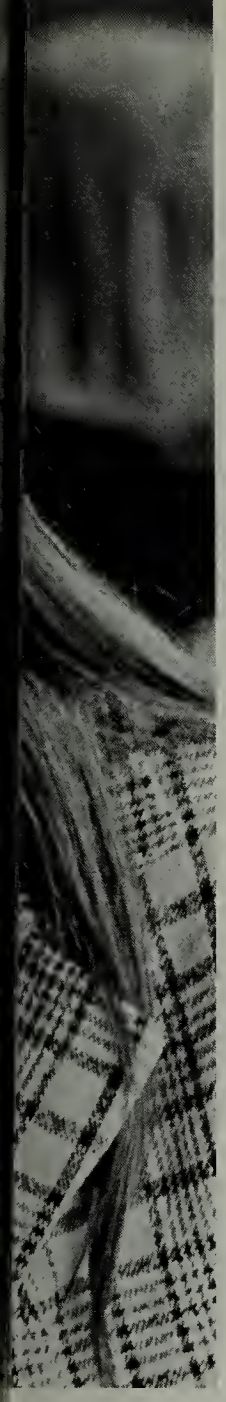
History reports, project reports, book reports, even SCA reports. The never ending struggle of reporting is sometimes a hassle, but what better way to get the message across?

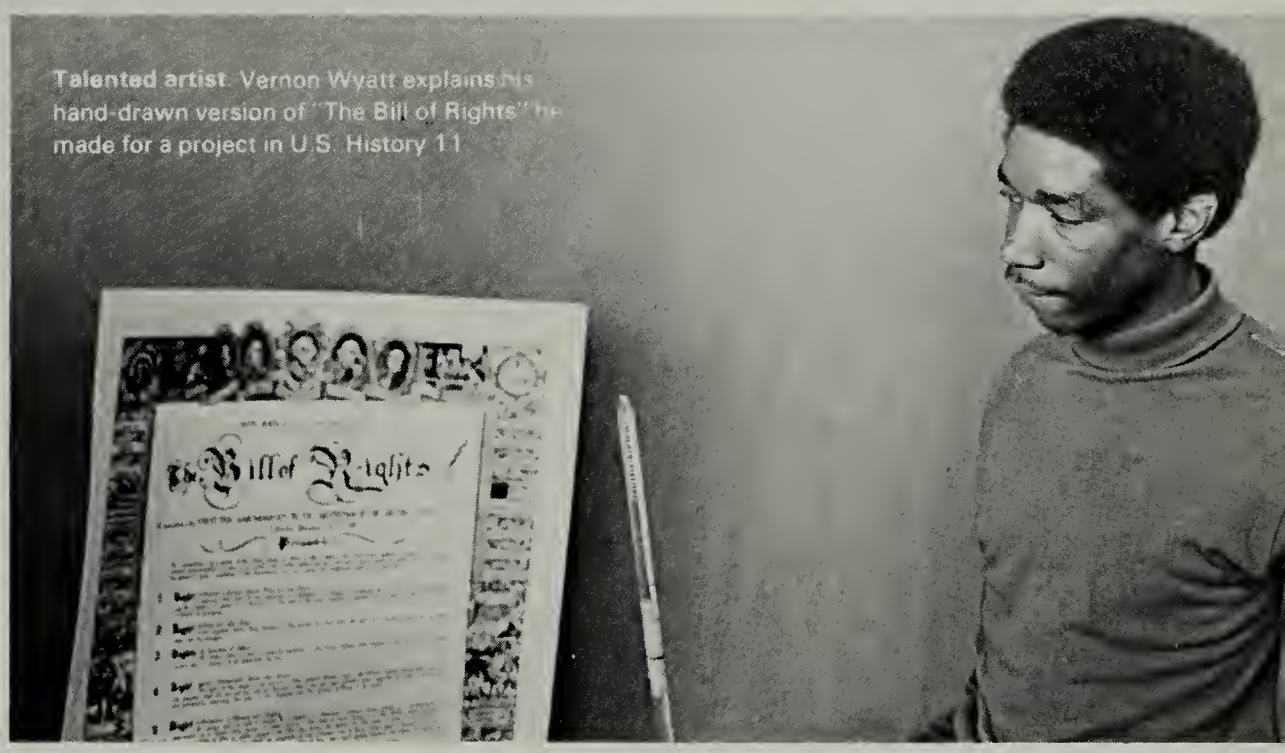
Throughout the year students have it rough with reports. In history class they may have a five page Truman report due in two weeks; and, at the same time, in English have a 10 page report on Emerson due in three weeks.

It never fails that students are constantly struggling with the every two weeks book reports that always seem to be due in a few days. Students run to the library the day before book reports, check-out a skinny book and try to finish it that night.

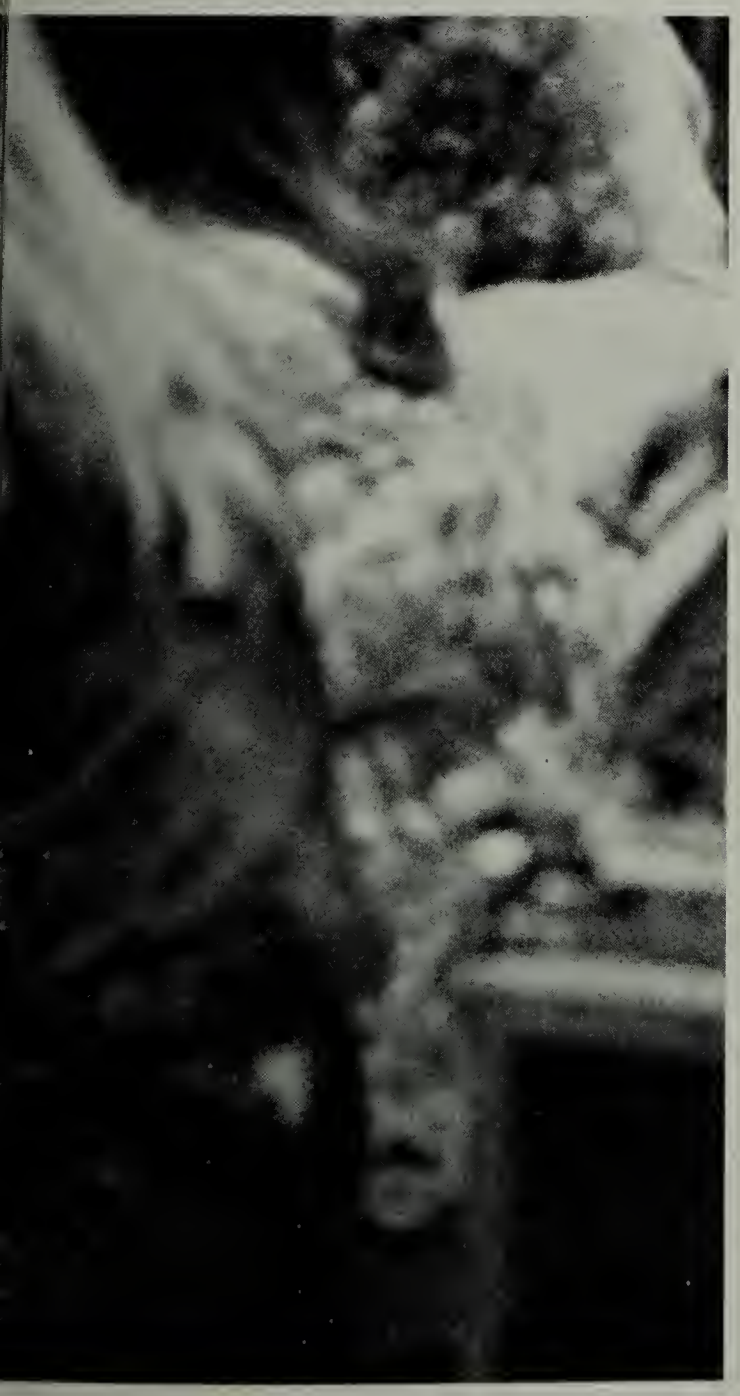
A different and more interesting type of reporting that constantly concern students is covering news for the "Star."

Students may get away with waiting until the last night to read a book for English and making up a current event for history, but the reporting they can't get away with is that of reporting to class on time.





Talented artist. Vernon Wyatt explains his hand-drawn version of "The Bill of Rights" he made for a project in U.S. History 11.

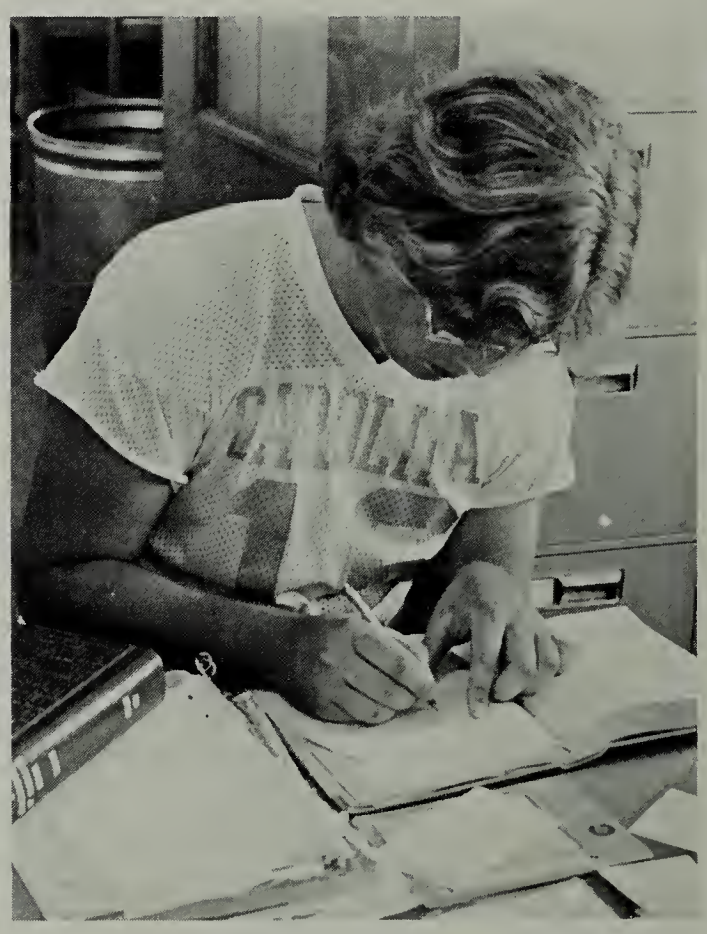


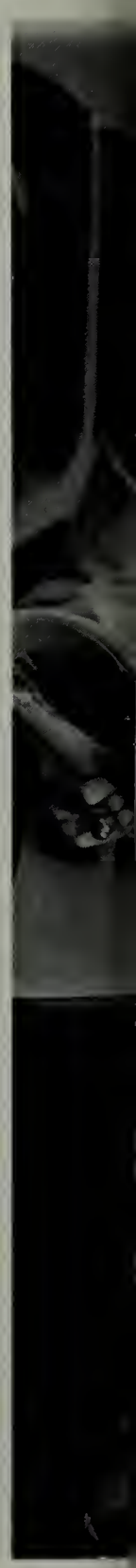
It adds up. Among the paint brushes and cans, Larry Hill totals the Art Department inventory for the year's report.

Richmond report. American government students assemble in the gym to hear reports from Delegate Frank Slayton on bills passed by the state legislature.

Two's company. While waiting for first period to begin, Shirley Crisp finds that studying when surrounded by friends can be difficult.

Food forgotten. Algebra comes first as Anita Kipps chooses to skip lunch in order to catch up on her homework.





Last minute. Students of Miss Riley's English class skim through Scope magazine in preparation for an unwanted quiz.

Note taker. Larry Griffin jots down information on note cards to use in his research paper. Juniors did much cramming the day before papers were due.

What's
the difference between
velocipede
and xenophobia?

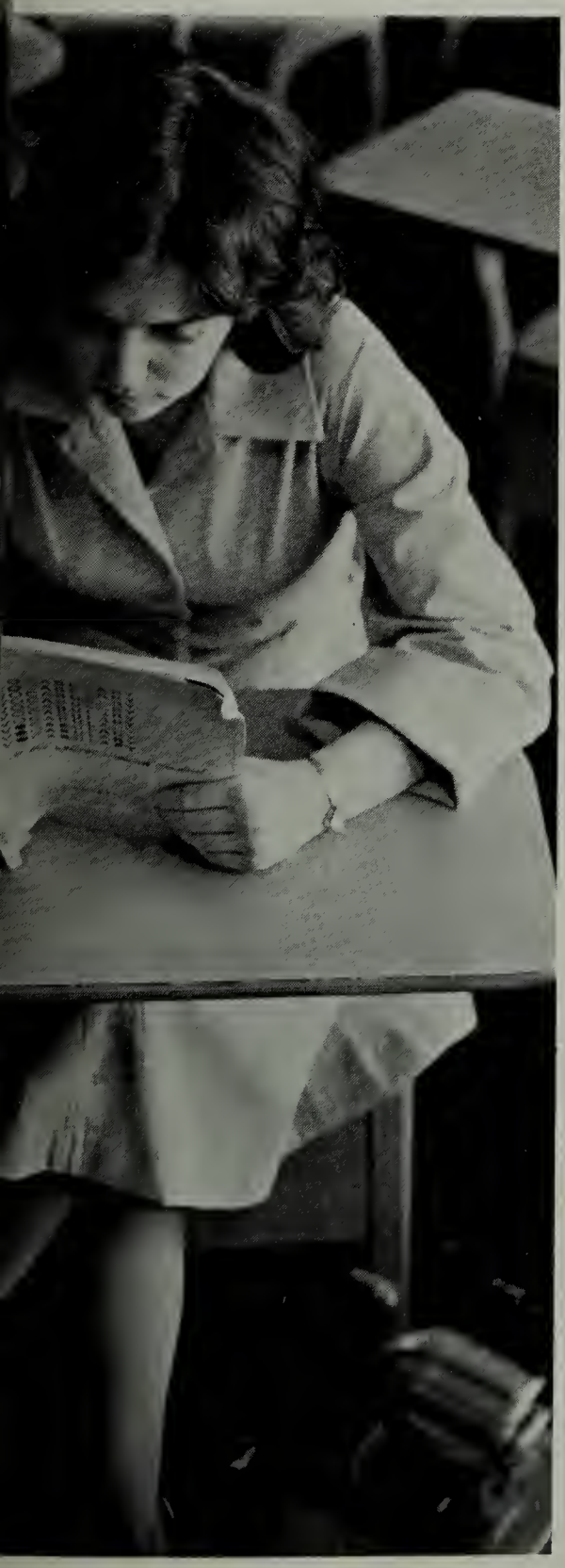
The last-minute scramble

All of us do it. We slip into our desks approximately three minutes before the bell rings, prepared to study. We've just remembered that our English teacher promised us a fun vocabulary test and we feel that we should at least know the difference between "velocipede" and "xenophobia."

We frantically scan our eyes over the mass of words and wish that we had studied the night before. With only two minutes left we become more desperate.

Roots and stems jumble themselves together as we try to fix at least five new words on our poor minds. Now only one more minute is left. The teacher grins impishly because she knows we are in trouble. We don't bother to sharpen our pencils because we think it might cost us the learning of one whole word.

The bell rings and we must put our notes away. As she passes the papers out and we see the words she has chosen to give us, we realize that last minute cramming did us no good at all. We should have sharpened our pencils.



Working together. Arnetta Fergus and Joe DeShazo find working in pairs on term papers more fun than working alone in the library.

Late review. Vocabulary is popular with Mrs. Penick, and Deborah Bowen gets in a few last minutes of studying before a test on Latin roots.

Teaching

A job to some but a religion to others

Teaching. It's just a job to some, almost a religion with others. Just as the attitude of a student will often determine how well or how much he will do in school, a teacher's outlook or motivation will come through in his instruction. In any occupation, the enthusiasm of a person who loves what he is doing is contagious, easily communicated. If a teacher doesn't seem to care about the material, it's a little easier for the class to rationalize and not care either.

Though HCSH may not have the facilities or funds of larger or more urban schools, it does possess a faculty that is interested in the curriculum, in the school activities, in the students and in the people behind the "student" label. It's comforting to know that if a chemistry problem is out of your grasp or the grammar mistakes on your last English theme are beyond your conceptions or corrections, a teacher is willing to devote his time during planning period or before or after school to straighten out the trouble.

For many teachers, the school day has hardly begun at 3:10. Their responsibilities carry on with extra curricular functions that would be impossible without their participation. Some sponsor clubs or other organizations, others coach athletic or academic teams, and others work with student publications and play productions. All outside school activities must be staffed by teacher-supervisors. Many instructors take courses for advanced degrees or new teaching methods. Combine all this with time consuming grading and planning outside of class and a teacher has time for little else but just that: teaching.

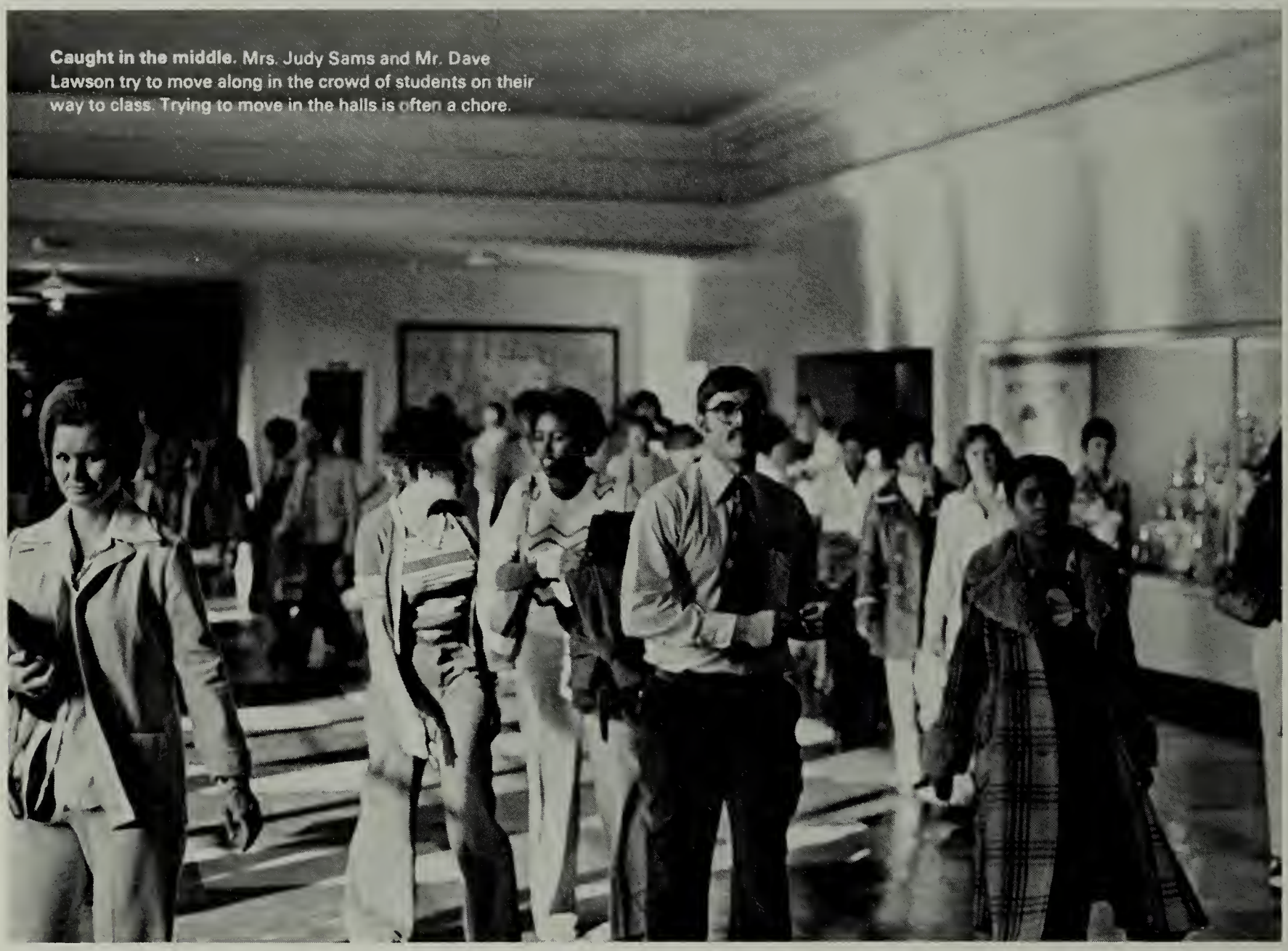
Music man. Band members concentrate on the baton of director Robert Wall as he drills them in preparation for another competition.

Typing tactics. Mrs. Norma Whitted helps Typing I student Jean Brandon in her struggle to learn the correct way to set a margin.

Beam routine. Gymnast Kathy Langston works out on the balance beam under the critical eyes of Coach Martha Avery.

After hours. Tennis coach Ann Cochran helps player Betty Barker perfect her tennis stroke in an afternoon practice session.

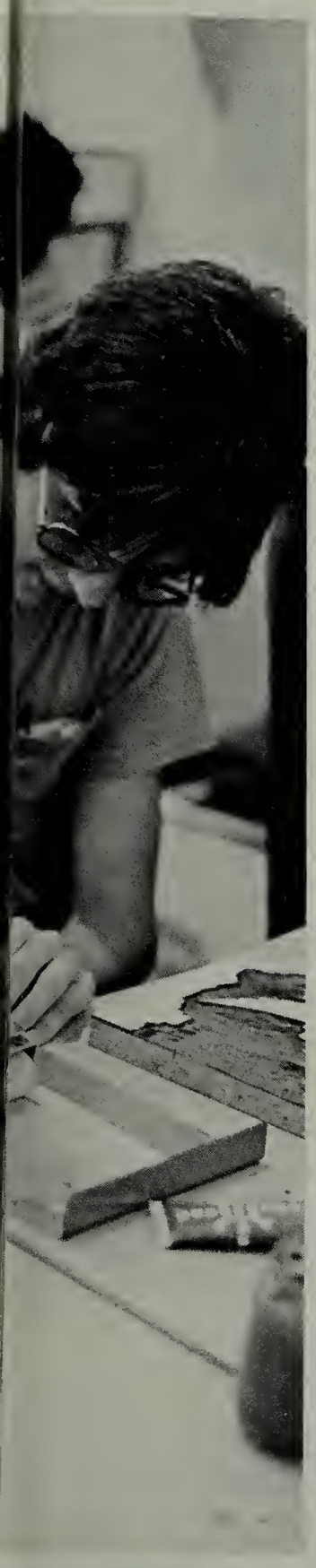
Roll on! Darrell Crews applies some of his artistic ability to a wood block. Students prepare masterpieces all year for the art show in the spring.



Caught in the middle. Mrs. Judy Sams and Mr. Dave Lawson try to move along in the crowd of students on their way to class. Trying to move in the halls is often a chore.

TRYING & Heebies geebies in the home stretch

Clarinet classmates. The bandroom throbs as the concert band strives for perfection. Note followers Anne Benassi and Beverly Betts went to All-State Band.



Stirred up. The home-ec stove calls for "kitchen krockery" from Darlene Carr. Pleasant odors cooked by these girls caused plenty of stomach rumbles.

Mistake? Junior Rhonda Rottler stops her tapping fingers in typing class. Learning three keys every two days confused more fingers than just Rhonda's.

Post time! BR-I-I-N-G! A wild stampede advances down every hall tearing open locker doors, flinging books and snatching conversation. It's not the Kentucky Derby, but it is the result of the class changing bell. Everyone is trying to beat the tardy bell to class on the long home stretch called the school day. It could remind one of the "rumble . . . rumble . . . rumble" of the Funky Winkerbean comic strip.

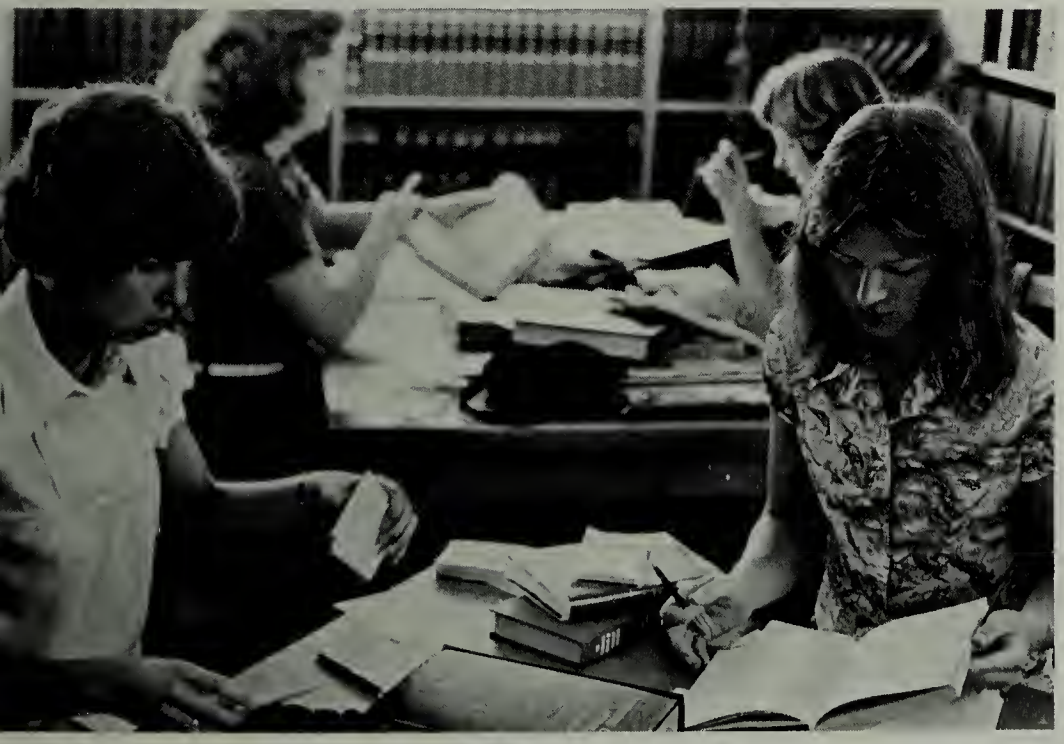
History and government teachers rattle notes as fingers try to copy the important points.

Art students try to paint straight lines and home-ec students try to seam straight. Once in awhile there's a goof and someone makes a crooked dress.

The musically minded students try not to make a face when they strike a sour note. They also try not to notice Mr. Wall's stare after that note. Heebie-geebies are common among performers.

Millions of "tries" tempt students, but most are squashed by teachers. Some folks try to skip class and check out of school before assemblies, and many try to smoke in the bathrooms. Most people play "hide-n'-seek" with teachers when they are chatting with a friend.

Each day is a different horserace and everyone knows that each horse cannot win; but there is one lesson that most students learn: without a try, there can never be a win—or even a loss.



Card trick? Denise Hardie and Elizabeth Osborne research for Mrs. Martha Penick's mini-term paper. Juniors were library live-ins one week.

Wind song. Spring concert time creeps up and wind symphony members Anne Benassi, Shelby Hamilton, Kathy Langston, Sarah Fuller and Jane Tuck prepare.

The year the clubs bagan a comeback

It was the year of the comeback for clubs. Previous predictions that clubs were dying a slow death as a result of student-sponsor apathy proved to be unfounded as school organizations continued their activities and added new interests. The old standards — VICA, DECA, the SCA — quietly continued their roles as major contributors to extra-curricular life.

The musicians added a new twist to their performance with the establishment of a stage band and the Camerata. The Drama Club was responsible for a weekly radio program on a local station.

Several relatively new clubs, Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y, HERO and the Medical Explorers, emerged to further strengthen the club scene. Though not completely restored to the level of popularity they once held, clubs made an important start back in that direction.

Funny pose. Carnival pictures intrigue Cindy Breedlove and Jill Lacy at the outdoor festival sponsored by the band in the fall. Profits from the carnival helped send the musicians to a Walt Disney World parade.

Honor tag. Diane Payne watches Chuck Hatcher pin her ribbon on during the National Honor Society's inductions assembly. Eighty-one juniors became members.

Goodies for sale. In order to raise money for the bus fare to the convention, the Latin Club sponsored a bake sale. Darlene Carr samples the food as McGreg Womack, Mike Hatcher and Myra Faulkner accuse her of eating up the club's profits.

President's tap brings SCA order

The band room at sixth period is filled with people. Yaking girls tell the latest gossip to their friends. Athletic minded boys discuss who will win the football game on Friday night. A few minutes of ceaseless racket continue to exist. Then there is a tapping at the front of the bandroom.

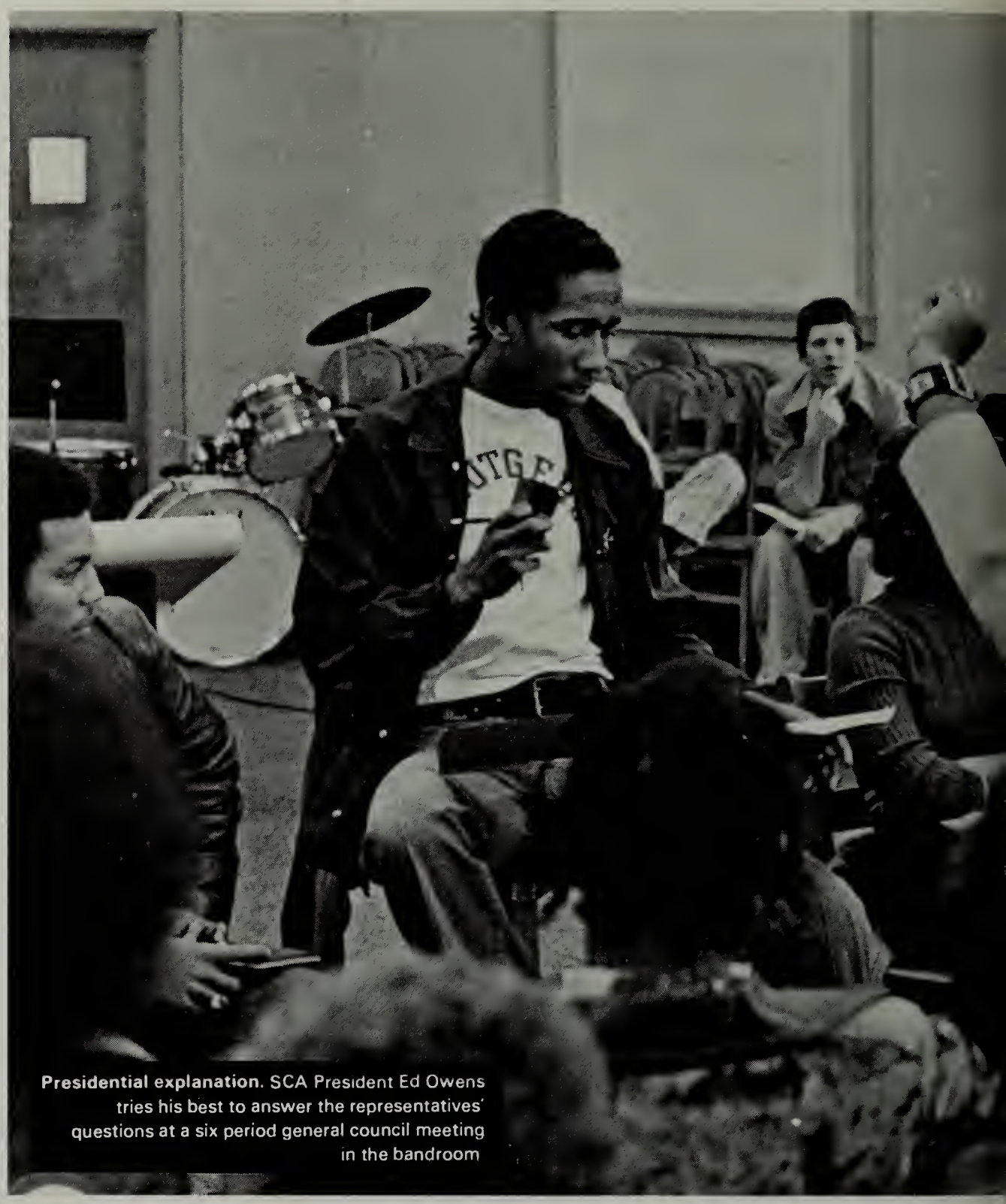
Ed Owens says, "Will the meeting please come to order!" Everyone quietes down as Ed, SCA president, speaks.

He calls for the secretary's report. The secretary stands and reads the minutes of the last meeting.

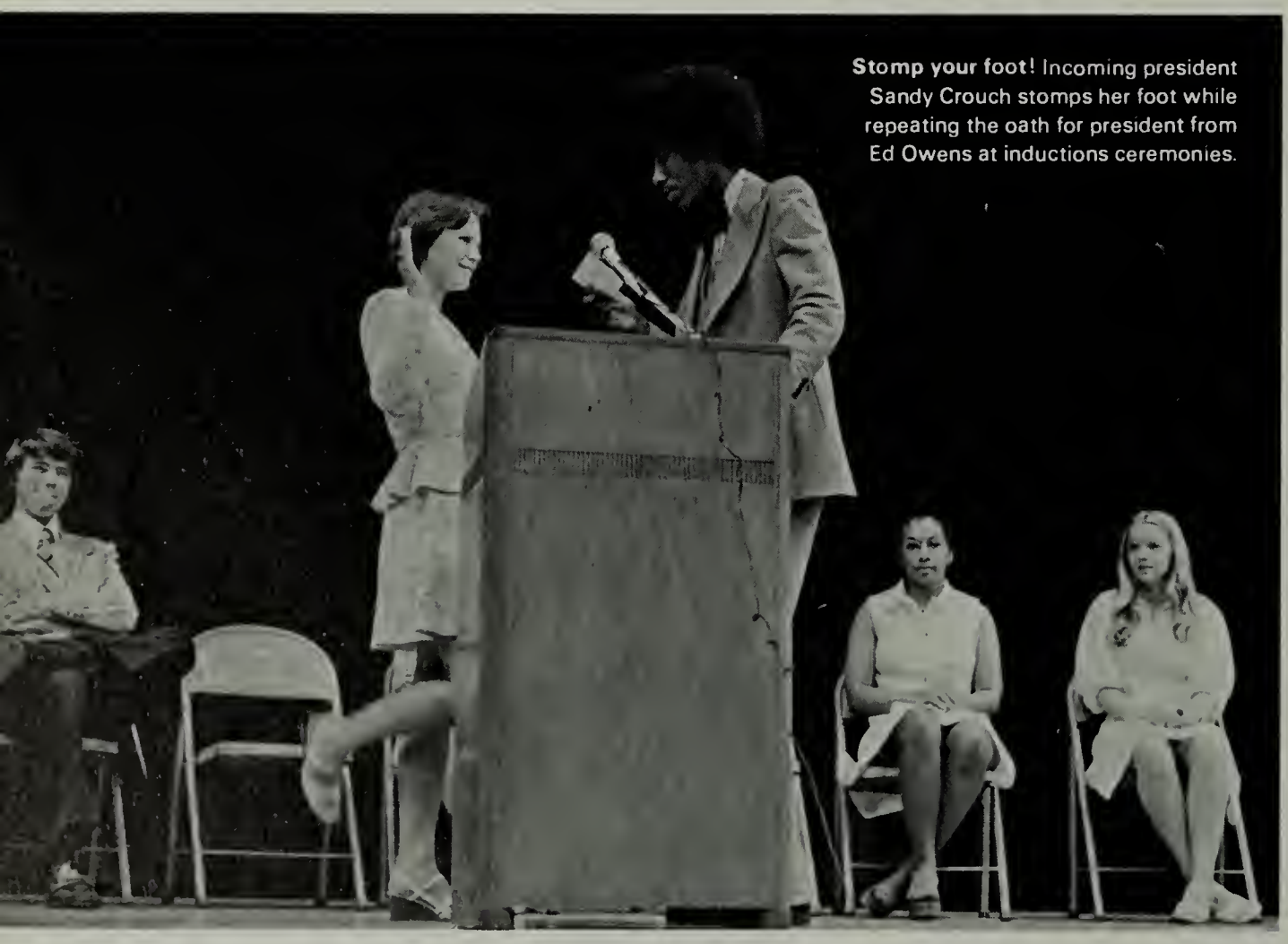
"Treasurer's report," says Ed. The treasurer then stands up and reports that the SCA has a $591 balance. Ed calls for a report of the grievance committee. They explain the administration vetoed a smoking area.

Old business and new business is discussed before Ed taps the gavel and adjourns the meeting.

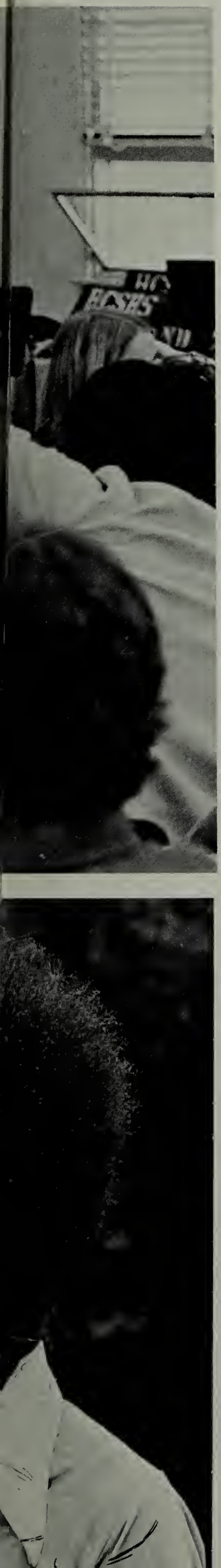
The representatives scurry away from the band room, and the place is once again silent, waiting for another day to come to an end.



Presidential explanation. SCA President Ed Owens tries his best to answer the representatives' questions at a six period general council meeting in the bandroom



Stomp your foot! Incoming president Sandy Crouch stomps her foot while repeating the oath for president from Ed Owens at inductions ceremonies.



Alfred the bear! Junior class presidential nominee Sandy Crouch campaigns with her teddy bear during class elections. Sandy won the election.

SCA officers. (Seated) Bonita Oakley, secretary; Don Yeatts, vice-president; **(standing)** Donna Yancey, reporter; Dwayne Hawkins, treasurer; Ed Owens, president and Frank Godbold, sergeant-at-arms.

SCA President; Ed Owens

It isn't easy to spell USA on a football field

Pony express. Beth and Gwen Guthrie, who were in charge of the pony ride at Hupp's Mill Plaza, help the small jockey up. The carnival was sponsored by the band in order to raise money for the trip to Florida.

What is just about the most patriotic thing you can think of, not including the Liberty Bell, Old Glory or George Washington? It's Bicentennial music being played by a Bicentennial band, of course.

Well, you have to admit, the HCSH band did contribute a lot to the Bicentennial. Even though they didn't have their uniforms for the Fourth of July parade, they showed up wearing blue jeans, white shirts and red kerchiefs, playing "You're a Grand Old Flag." You can't get more patriotic than that.

They also played in other important Bicentennial events, like the Brookneal parade. And did you see the Marching Band's Bicentennial half-time show? It isn't easy spelling out USA across a football field while you are playing "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "America the Beautiful."

The most American thing the Band did all year was go to Walt Disney World to participate in "America on Parade." They felt that it was

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Practice makes perfect. Band members practice as director Robert Wall conducts. The band received superior and excellent ratings in festival contests.

Drummer man. Geronimo Sutphin beats on his drum while practicing with the stage band, which held concerts to raise money for the band activities.

Suitcase mania. Hunting for suitcases presents problems for band members returning from band camp. The band travels to Smith Mountain Lake each summer to prepare for the up-coming year.

Stick em up! No, it's not a hold up, it's only the Comettes doing their performance at the Veteran's Day parade in South Boston.

Musical reflection. Bright sunshine cascades from James Stanfield's French horn as the band plays the processional for seniors on Class Day.

Main street swinger. Majorette Pam Strange struts down Main Street in Walt Disney World.

Ducking dolphin. To keep from being splashed by playful band members, a Sea World's dolphin dives under water for protection.

Walt Disney musicians. Director Robert Wall marches along with the band. The Blue Comet band was the only one in the parade that day.

Midday snack. Cindy Breedlove absorbs the scenic view of Sea World, while on a stop on the band's return trip from Florida.

It isn't easy

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worth the time and effort to attend this event, even though it meant missing the Junior-Senior prom and four whole days of school. Band members struggled to sell candles, raffle tickets and lemon scented rug cleaner in order to raise the $13,000 needed for the trip. Four chartered buses transported the band, flag girls, Comettes, majorettes and chaperones to Orlando. Crowds lined the streets of the Magic Kingdom to hear the marching band perform "This Land is Your Land."

The year for the band was more than just the Bicentennial; it was the year the stage band presented rock, soul, jazz and big band music to the students, to the public and to some elementary schools. At the district stage band festival the Halifax group received an excellent rating.

Don't forget the awards. Everytime you turned around the band seemed to be getting an award for one thing or another. They won first prize at the Brookneal parade. At the field show competition in Buena Vista, the band captured third place. At the District VI Band Festival the concert band won an excellent rating for performing Grade 5 music.

The band provided music at the graduation exercises as the Class of '76 became the graduates of '76. One of the last things a student hears before he graduates is the band playing "Pomp and Circumstance."

The band did a lot of other things during the year, but these yearbook pages aren't but so big, you know.

Mickey's pal. Mickey finds a new home with Cynthia Smith who has returned home from Florida. The band performed in the "America on Parade" series at Walt Disney World.

Summer work. "Haliscope" editor Lisa Carden spends part of her vacation developing a yearbook theme idea and cropping pictures.

Advertising deadline. Teresa Fisher and Debbie Mize, business and advertising managers for the "Star," select ads for an upcoming issue as the deadline nears.

Publications win awards

Journalism students find answers to odd questions

"Tomorrow is the deadline, Kiddies."

"Why do you drive a car that went out with the depression?"

"Is there any reason why you must go to Danville to see a movie when such classics as "I Love Lucy" are shown on TV everyday?"

To the average student these questions and comments may sound foreign, but to the journalism student there is nothing unusual about them. One never knows what type of odd questions he will be asking as he goes in search of a "Star" story or what type of material he must dig up for "Haliscope" layouts. Staff members of the "Galaxy" are luckier; their material is brought to them by creative writers and artists.

The "Haliscope," despite the fact that it never arrives on time, is the pride of the journalism staff. Recognized for its originality, it has won three Columbia Scholastic Press Association Trendsetter Awards, the most any high school has ever received. The last honor was received in March, 1976 for the 1975 edition.

With features ranging from teenage alcoholism to fancy T-shirts, the "Star" ranked among the best high school papers in the nation by winning a Medalist Award. Editor Becky Riddle and her staff combined a potpourri of stories to make a prize-winning mix.

The "Galaxy," also edited by Becky, is the school's literary magazine, a combination of poetry and art. This marked the first year that one student edited two of the school's publications.

Careful measure. Drawing layouts for the junior section of the yearbook requires concentration from Treva Clark.

Last minute caption. Another Thursday afternoon at the newspaper office finds Janet Hailey, "Star" news editor, working on a front page layout.

Paste-up time. Becky Riddle, editorial page editor, and Cathy Collins, assistant news editor, choose pictures and design layouts for the bi-weekly newspaper. Mr. Fitz, adviser, and Mrs. Sylvia Reese, printshop employee assist.

Big sports. The "King's" of the "Star" sports pages, Joe Exum and Anthony Powell, work on layouts and write a column during fifth period journalism.

Double truck problems. Becky Riddle finds that ideas for the in-depth pages of the year's last "Star" don't come easy. She was also the "Galaxy" editor.

CLUB GALLERY

The major project of most clubs traditionally consists of constructing a float for the Homecoming parade. Because of the behavior of some "float-builders" in previous years and some club apathy, the administration decided to stage Homecoming minus one parade.

But even with the absence of the parade, club participation during the year was on an upswing. Clubs such as Tri-M, the Latin Club and VICA disproved a "student apathy" theory by independently entering floats in the South Boston Christmas parade.

Old, established clubs continued their popularity while several new ones were formed. One of these was the Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y group. Sponsored by Mrs. Thelma Crowder, this club became one of the most active groups around.

They made a trip to the Virginia Model General Assembly in Richmond. Jill Lacy and Fielding Cage, members of the club, represented Virginia in the Reenactment of the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia for a week. The entire group went to the beach for a week during the summer. A weekend snow skiing trip was another major

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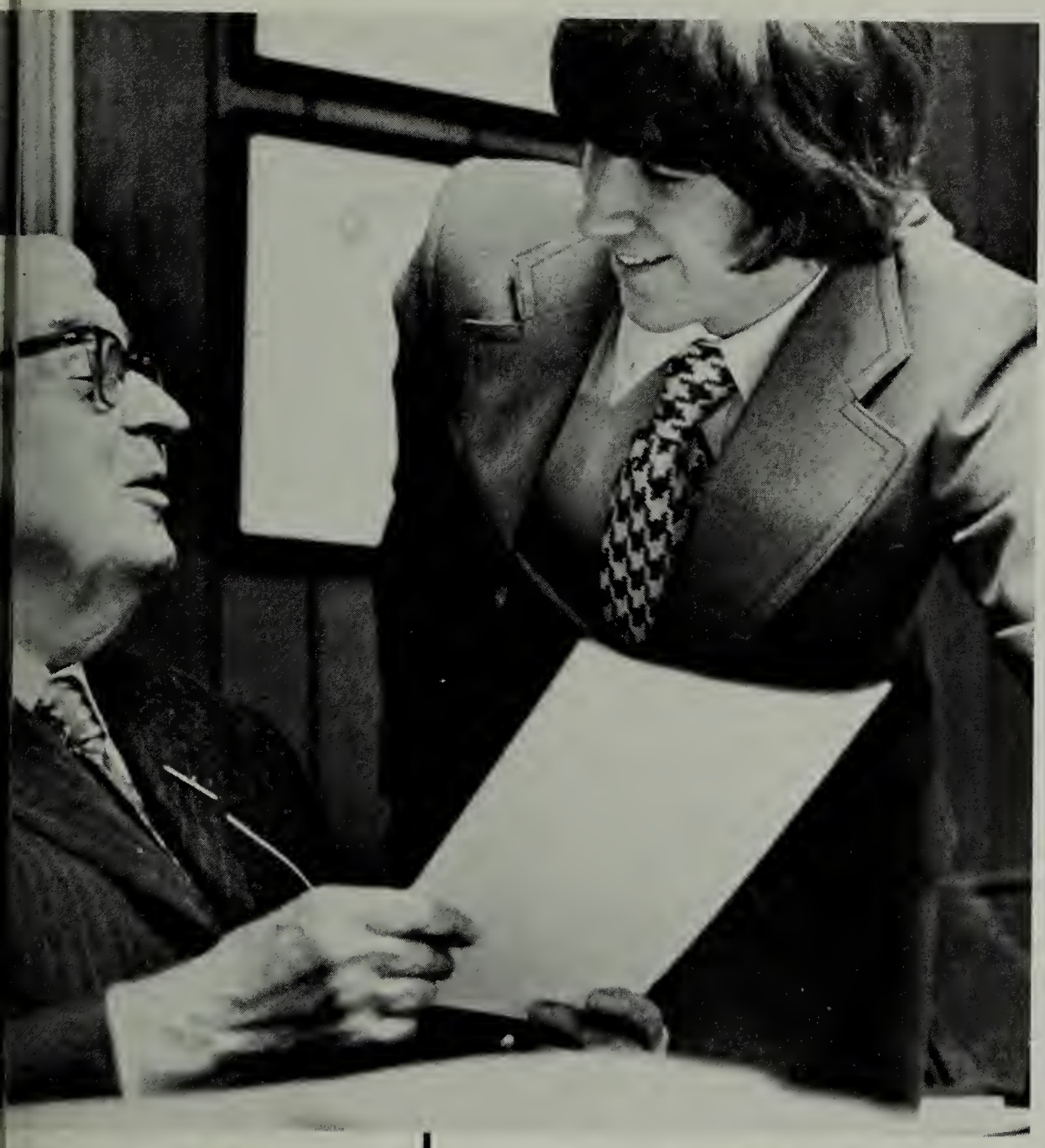
Attentive delegate. Fielding Cage, the blonde young man, listens to a discussion at the Reenactment of the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia. Fielding was a delegate from the Hi-Y Club.

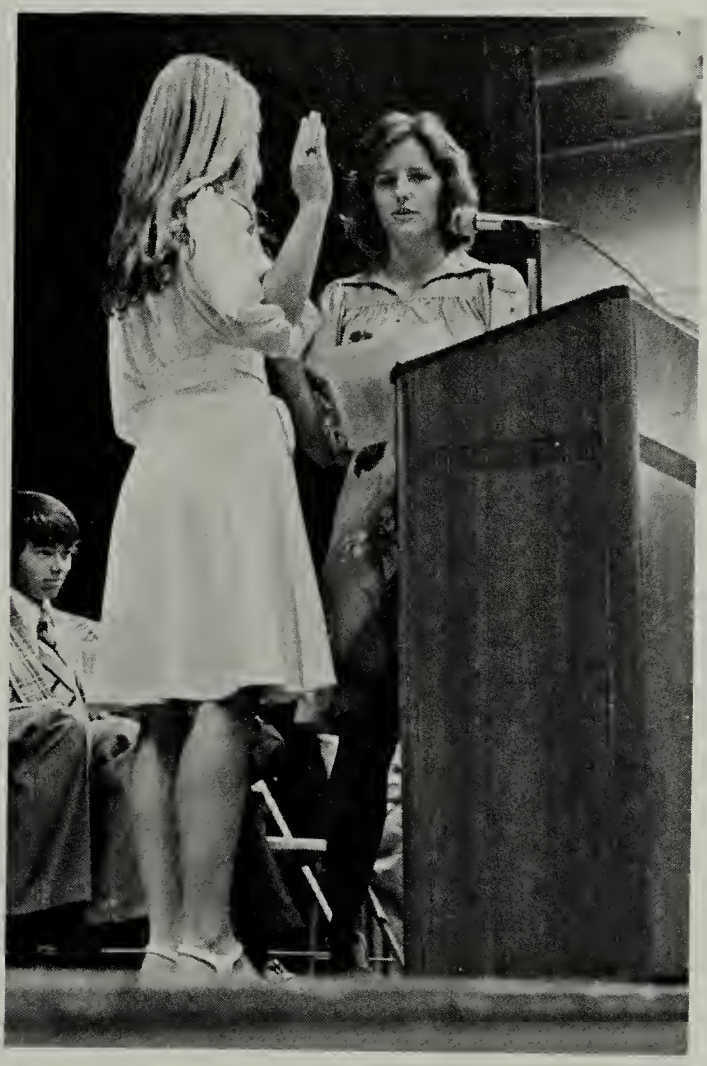
Up and over! Before the students meet to eat the many different foods at the Foreign Language Banquet, games were played. Bruce Lee returns a volley during one of the games.

Before a concert. Before performing, these Camerata singers spend their nervous energy by "cutting-up" for a photographer.



Campaign advice. Former Governor and Congressman William Tuck gives Dan Barden tips on running an election campaign. Dan ran for governor of the Model General Assembly.

I swear! At the SCA inductions Sandy Talbott promises to perform the duties of secretary. She is given the oath by Bonita Oakley, past secretary.



During a concert. While his singers show model decorum, Mr. Robert Wall, Camerata director, explains a music selection to his audience at the annual Christmas concert.

Heavenly float. Singing angels ride on the float sponsored by the Modern Music Masters in the Christmas parade. The Tri-M is a club consisting of accomplished musicians and vocalists.

New officers. In candle light ceremonies, President Sylvia Stewart installs new officers for the HERO-FHA clubs. These clubs give girls a chance to learn more about homemaking.

CLUB GALLERY

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Yuletide cheer. Mr. Robert Wall and the choir present a special selection of Christmas carols at the school's annual Christmas assembly.

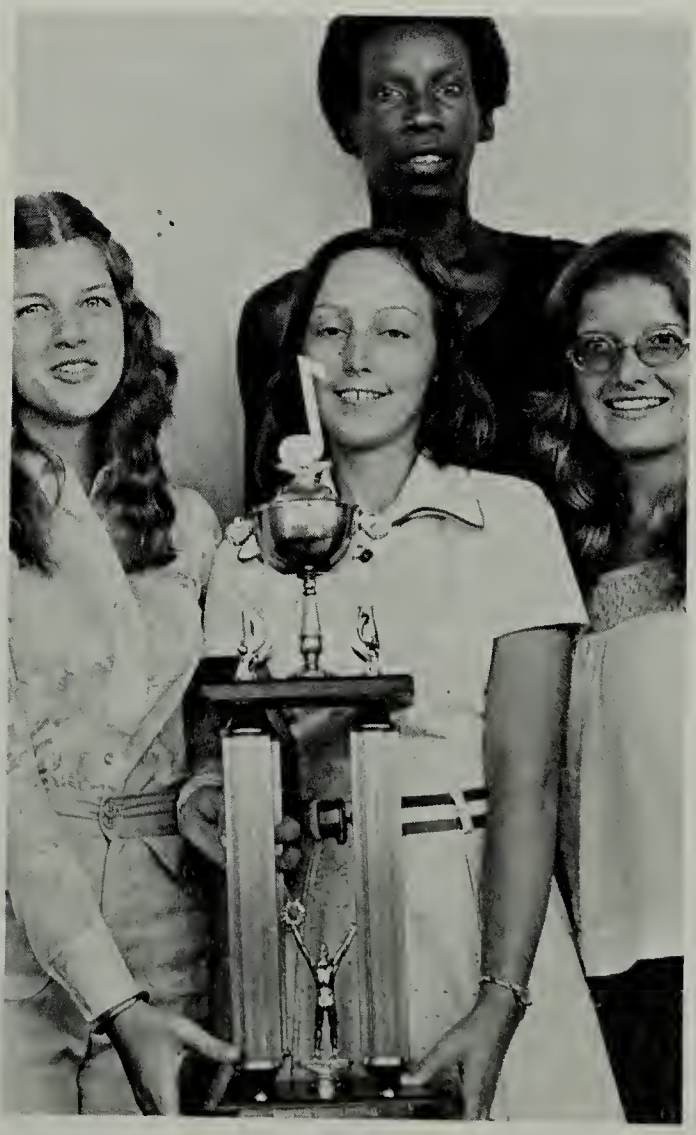
Barksdale boogies. At the Topsy-Turvy Dance Eddie Barksdale and Sandra Easley move to the music. The dance was sponsored by the SCA and the girls had to ask the boys, for a change.

journey the Hi-Y group made.

In addition to these trips, the Hi-Y contributed time and effort to provide services in little ways. They planted Bicentennial flowers in South Boston and spent an afternoon picking up litter around school. During all the Little Theatre productions at C.H. Friend, the club sold refreshments. Mrs. Crowder said, "The kids in Hi-Y are ones who wouldn't do other things. The club provided a chance for those students to excel in leadership and service."

Another new organization was the Camerata. This was the brainchild of band director Robert Wall. The Camerata was composed of a select few talented singers, hand picked by Mr. Wall through auditions.

The group performed for civic groups throughout the county during the year. They were featured in the band's Christmas concert and they gave a special concert of their own in the spring.



We did it! Lydia Tuck, head Comette, Wanda Blount, head majorette and Pam Morris, head flag girl, display their first place trophy won at Brookneal's Tobacco Festival Parade. Band president Lacy Dixon waits to take the trophy to the lobby display case.

CLUB GALLERY

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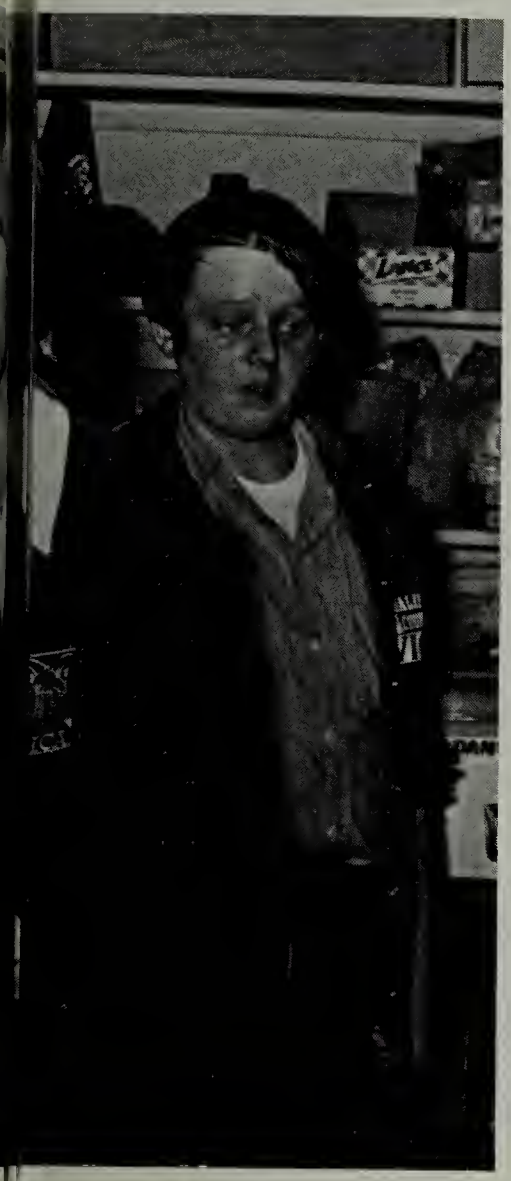
Bicentennial bound. Mrs. Thelma Crowder and Jill Lacy make plans to attend the Reenactment of the First Continental Congress which was sponsored by the North East Regional YMCA. The local Hi-Y Club sent the delegates to Philadelphia.

Step right up! Baloons and candied apples were among the wares which the band sold at their all-day carnival at Hupp's Mill Plaza.

Booster Club helpers. ICT students Sandra Ondich, Barbara Vaughan and Jerry Owen help out at a football game by running the concession stand, one of their yearly projects.

Show biz cuties! Eva Dillard, Ann Gordon and Sandy Talbott present a skit to underprivileged children at a local department store. This presentation was sponsored by the Jaycees and the SCA.

Homecoming harmony! Patriotic notes bounce from the Camerata as they sing the "Star Spangled Banner" prior to the Homecoming game.



Paper factory? Although it appears to be a paper factory, it's only Emily Powell, Diane Hill and Kathy Moorefield stuffing napkins for the Spanish-French float that will enter the Christmas parade.

ICT honor. Student-of-the-year Harold Roberts accepts a trophy from his instructor Mr. Jim Albright at the club's annual spring banquet.

The Medical Explorers was not a new club, but it certainly was a popular one. The Explorers met at least once a month to hear guest speakers from medicine-related fields. Some of the subjects they covered were physical fitness, pathology and acne. Roger Jacquelyn directed a three part cardio-pulmonery resussitation class.

Foreign language classes provided three clubs: the Latin Club, Spanish Club and French Club. The Latin Club assumed their traditional responsibility of manning a coat check booth at most dances.

All three language clubs joined efforts in the spring to hold an after-school picnic. Each club brought samples of foods native to their respective lands.

So club membership, in these and other groups, was beginning to become popular again. The cries of "Let's hear it for the clubs" didn't exactly stamp out apathy; but the cries could be heard, from the French rooms to the vocational building. It was a step in the right direction.

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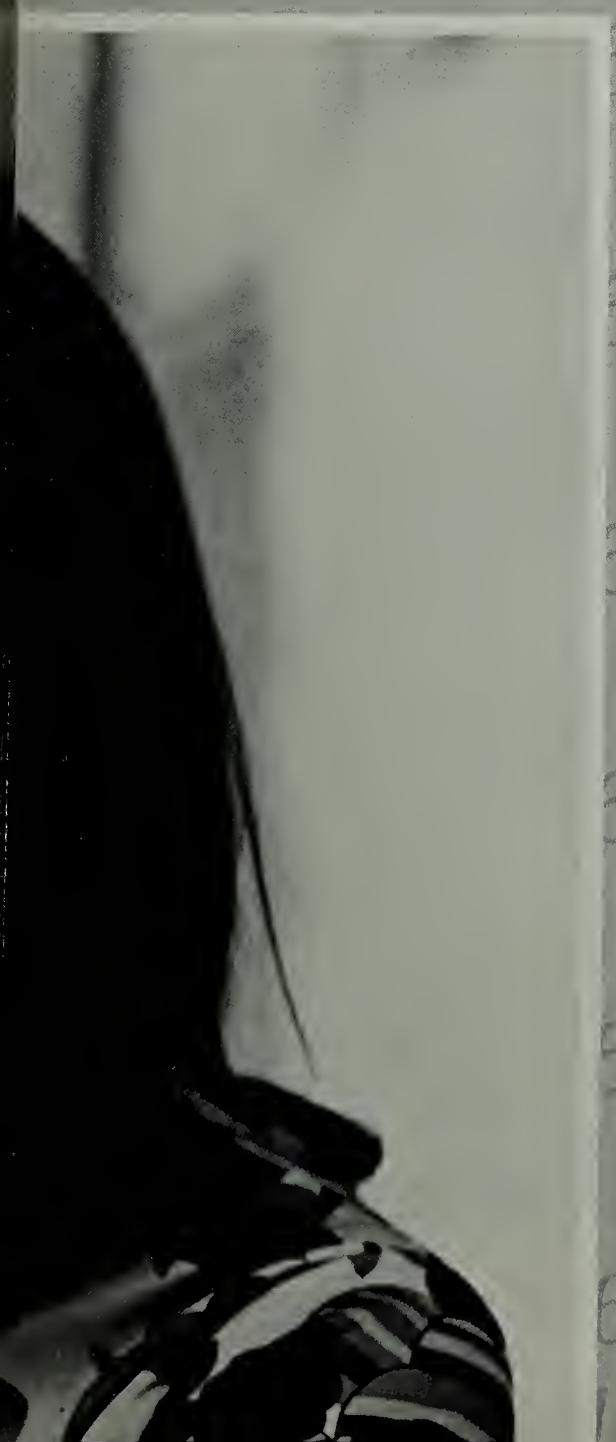
More than ever before, people pretty much went their own way. In the mornings, at lunch, at assemblies, the faceless body of "students" separated into individual groups to become people with their own identities and personalities.

The quiet group, studying and exchanging homework help, the restless, rambunctious congregation playing on the front lawn, the select two or three discussing weekend plans — each made up important parts of the school and reflected the different facets of its personality.

Even in their diversity, these 2106 people were bound by the common characteristic of being students and teachers, of being HCSH.

The year that people went their own way

Official business. Special Olympics official Sheila Davis rests for a minute from her duties as judge in the track and field events.



Picky eater. Staring down a French fry, Stanley Davis, most valuable player on the baseball team, deserves to be choosy about what he eats.

Thoughtful answer. In her English 11 class, Mrs. Rebecca Ramsey explains that Mark Twain was a great American humorist.

William Alexander Abbott, Jr.: FFA, SCA, Latin Club, JV Football
Wayne L. Adams
Raymond Lee Albert
Daniel C. Anderson

Bicentennial seniors

The 587 members of the senior class will never have trouble remembering the year they graduated; they were the Bicentennial Seniors: the Class of '76.

In some aspects the class might seem unlucky. Rain cancelled the opening day assembly and thus the class's first chance to "act like seniors."

It was the first class ever not to have a Homecoming parade and the first since 1973 to have exams. It even had its Class Day postponed, again due to rain.

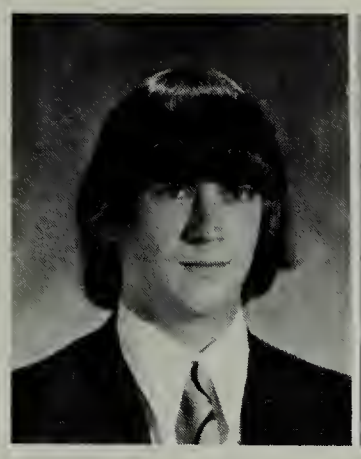
Despite certain bad luck the year did have its good points. Five seniors received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Foundation. Seniors were allowed to miss school the day underclassmen took state tests and always enjoyed the tradition of being the loudest class in pep rallies, a fact which best exemplified the atmosphere that prevailed over the class. The Spirit of '76, of course.

Bicentennial leaders. Senior class officers are **(front row)** Gwen Guthrie, secretary; Regina Morton, president; Wanda McDowell, treasurer and **(back row)** Mark Sompayrac, vice-president; Leslie Logan, reporter and Frank Ridgway, sergeant-at-arms.

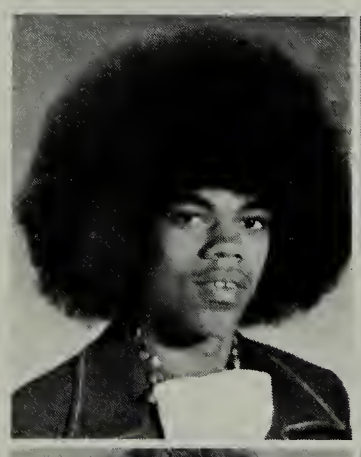
Lander G. Anderson
Sharon Denise Anderson: Pep Club
Nancy Carol Andrews: Latin Club, Pep Club, FTA Reporter, Medical Careers Club Secretary
Franklen Edward Austin: FFA Vice-president, Bus Drivers' Club

Charles E. Bailey
Robert L. Bailey
Jesse Lee Bales: JV Football, Varsity Football, Baseball, Letterman's Club, FFA
Barry Brian Bandy

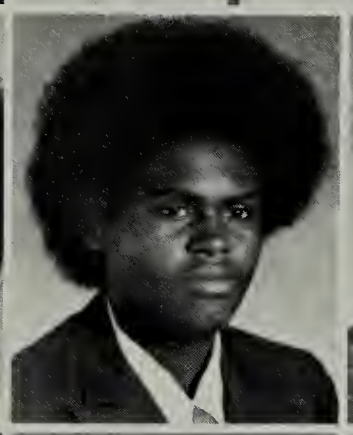
Ronnie Daniel Bane: DECA
William Len Bane: VICA Treasurer
Diane Banks: Art Club, Star, Haliscope, Varsity Basketball, Track, SCA Representative
Patrice Banks

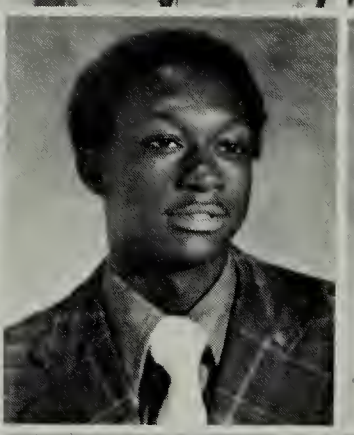


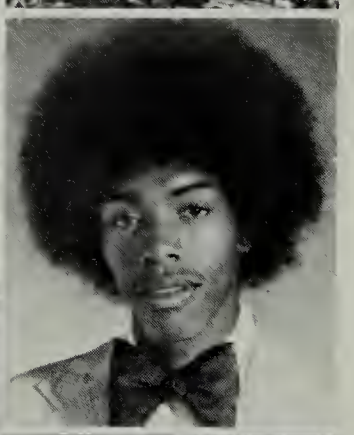
Calvin Ewell Barbour
Cynthia Elizabeth Barbour: Pep Club, Comette
Judy Ann Barbour
Sarah Barbour



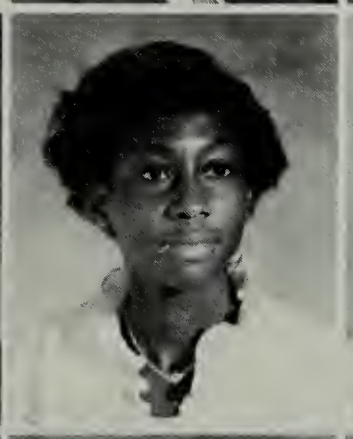
Annie Barksdale
James Henry Barksdale
Robin M. Barksdale
Robert Barksdale



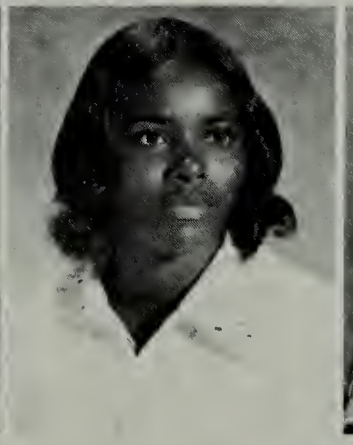


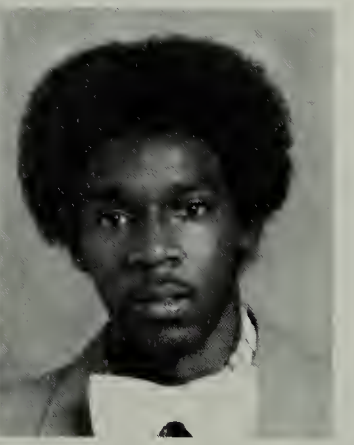


Charles Albert Bates, IV
Tammy Aileen Bates: Mixed Chorus, Band, Wind Symphony, SCA, Pep Club
Tracey Annette Bates: Chorale Ensemble, Band, Modern Music Masters, SCA, FBLA, JV Cheerleader, Youth for Christ, All-Regional Concert Band, All-Regional Choir, All-Regional Symphonic Band, Community Choral
Linda Delois Bauldwin: French Club, Medical Career Club, HERO Secretary, Homeroom Class Officer



Anne Cecilia Benassi: Chess Club, Band, All-Regional Band, All-State Band, Letter of Commendation, Governor's School, Drum Major, Modern Music Masters, Arion Music Award, Volleyball, Head JV Cheerleader.
Beverly Jean Betts: Modern Music Masters Secretary, Camerata, Band, Pep Club, Spanish Club, Homeroom officer, Choir, Pep Band, All-Virginia Choir, Regional Symphonic Band.
Lilly Jo Bishop: VICA
Conway M. Blanks: Advance Band, Mixed Chorus, Choral Ensemble





Janet Kaye Bliss: Pep Club
Wanda Gail Blount: Spanish Club, Majorette, Co-head.
Stephen Michael Bomar
Lisa Diane Bowen: Pep Club, Art Club, SCA Representative.

Gerald Bowman
Mattie Elmira Bowman: FHA, Basketball, NHS
Earnest Barfield Boxley: Pep Club, Dragster Club, Athletic Club
Kathy Boyd: Spanish Club, Pep Club, FHA Club

Louvener Boyd: Pep Club
Vickey Lee Boyd
Patricia Bradsher
Barbara Brandon

Linwood Brandon
Linda Brizendine
Clyde J. Brooks: ICT, VICA
Calvin Bruce

John Burch
Joyce Burnette
Larry Ricky Burrell: JV-Varsity Basketball, Co-captain
Danette G. Burton

Donald Burton
Robert Burton

Bernard Brown Butler, III: Chess Club, Latin Club, Homeroom President, Varsity Cheerleader, Homeroom Officer, Golf Team, JV and Varsity Football, Homeroom Officer, SCA Representative, Camarata
Sherri Lee Byers: SCA Representative, French Club

Army bound? John Pinson considers a military career by visiting one of the armed services and vocational booths on Career Night.

More than Elton John

Working for a radio station isn't just airing the latest Elton John hit, interested seniors and other students discovered when they attended Career Night in November.

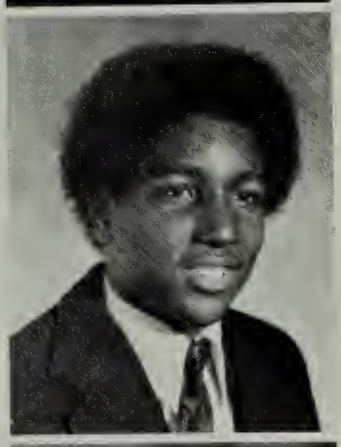
And it wasn't only radio jobs they learned about. Over 30 representatives, ranging from doctors to policemen, visited the school to talk about career opportunities.

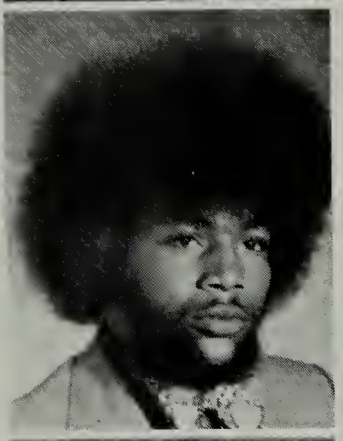
Students attended three 25-minute sessions where they heard speakers discuss all aspects of a general career grouping. For instance, people interested in a health career heard a doctor, nurse, dentist, x-ray technician and a respiratory therapist.

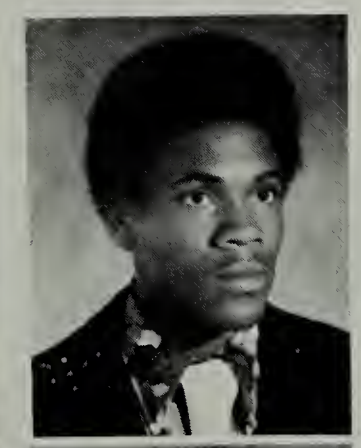
"This method worked extremely well," Mrs. Barbara Haugh, guidance counselor, said. "The students got good information and some even discovered that another division of a career field was more attractive than the one they were interested in originally."

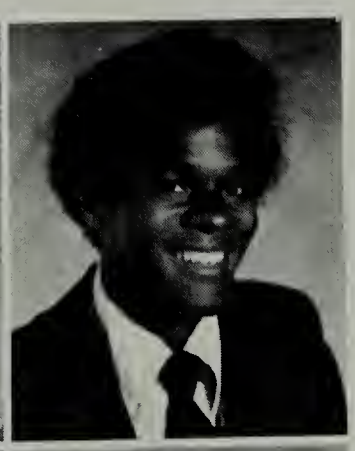
All sessions ended with a question-and-answer period.

Career Night, which was the highlight of Career Week, was sponsored by the Guidance Department in lieu of College Night. "We could appeal to more people this way, not just the college-bound students," Mrs. Haugh, the co-ordinator of the program, concluded.









Carolyn Ann Byrd: FHA, Library Aide
Terry Leigh Cabaniss: French Club, Art Club, Haliscope, Star, Galaxy, Pep Club

Barbara Harvey Cage: French Club, Medical Explorers, Basketball, Tennis, NHS, Junior Marshal
Charles Cage

Randy Paul Cage: Star Reporter, Spanish Club, Latin Club, PE Club, Haliscope, Star
Charlie Calloway

Elizabeth Lee Carden: Haliscope Editor, JV, Varsity Cheerleader, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Medical Explorers, SCA Representative, Star
Lottie Denise Carden: Pep Club, Basketball

Pamela Lee Carden
Darlene Ann Carr: Latin Club, FHA
Dennis Erwin Carr
James Carr

Molly Milinda Carr
Ronald E. Carr
Sandra Ann Carr: Pep Club, DECA, Homeroom Officer
Joyce Almarie Carrington: Pep Club, Art Club

Virginia Louise Carrington
Michael Timothy Carter: Band, Stage Band, Dragster and Safety Club, Modern Music Masters, Pep Band
Robin Ann Carter: Spanish Club, FTA Club, Concert Band, Library Assistant
Allison Sue Caskie: National Honor Society, Galaxy

Mark Williams Cassada: Latin Club, Medical Explorers Sgt-at-arms, SCA, JV, Varsity Basketball, Golf, FBLA, Letterman's Club
Anthony A. Chappell
Barbara A. Claiborne: JV, Varsity Cheerleader, Pep Club, Choir
George Thomas Clark, Jr.: Advanced Band, Stage Band, All-Regional Band, Chess Club, Spanish Club, Wind Symphony, Homeroom officer, Modern Music Masters, Pep Band, Band Boosters, Stage Crew

Jackie Phillip Clark: Pep Club, SCA
James Michael Clarke
Jerome Oneal Claughton: Pep Club, Athletic Club
Janet Lynn Clements: Spanish Club, Star, National Honor Society, Haliscope, FTA Historian, Spanish Honor Society

Quiet time. Taking a break from her busy job as drum majorette, Anne Benassi catches up on work missed during the band's trip to Walt Disney World.

Glitter blue and happy

Glitter blue, stepping high to a band tune, star-spangled with commanding whistles. That was drum majorette Anne Benassi, happy in her job.

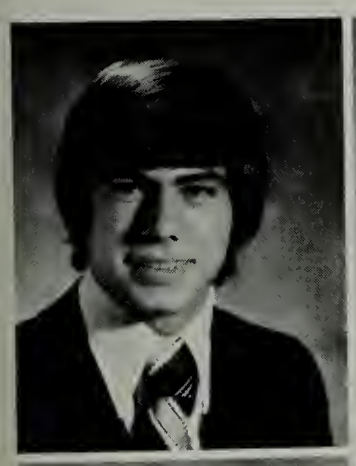
A senior, Anne used precision movements to guide the marching band during a halftime show or a parade. She sometimes was propped on a riser, while at other times she marched with the band. Even in a parade Anne didn't lead her group astray; she commanded proudly at the front.

Clad in shorts and a T-shirt, she practiced hard before the season to make sure the band would be at its best. Like any other team, Anne and the band experienced myriads of "tries" before a "good," but all of the tries ultimately resulted in one thing: a rousing band performance.

Mary Arthur Cole
Ricky Daryl Cole: French Club, Star, Haliscope, SCA Representative
Carlos West Coleman: SCA Officer, Spanish Club, Boy's P.E. Club, track, Bus Driver, Super Comet
David J. Coleman

Frederick Nathaniel Coleman: Pep Club, Bus Driver, FFA
Joanne Lottie Coleman: FHA
Lawrence Clarence Coleman: Pep Club, DECA
Shirley Ann Coleman: DECA Club, Pep Club

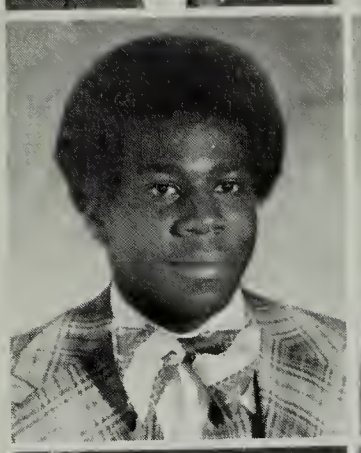
Wendy Sue Coleman: FHA, Comettes, ICT, VICA Reporter, SCA Representative, Pep Club
Gloria Mae Coles: Spanish Club, FHA
Thomas David Collins
Gary Thomas Comer

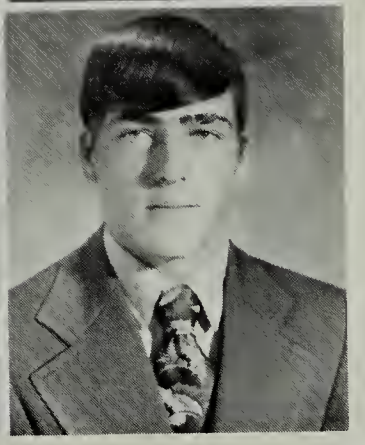


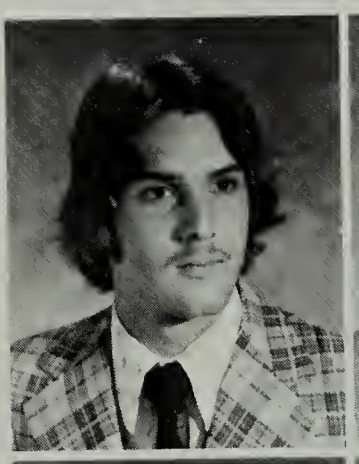
Clarence Eugene Comer, Jr.
Linda Epps Comer
Beverly Lewis Compton
Larry P. Compton

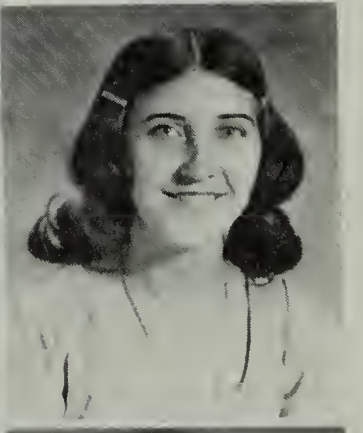
Carlene Amy Conner
Greta Jewel Conner: Pep Club
Michael Blake Conner: Spanish Club, VICA Parliamentarian
Patricia Faye Conner: Pep Club

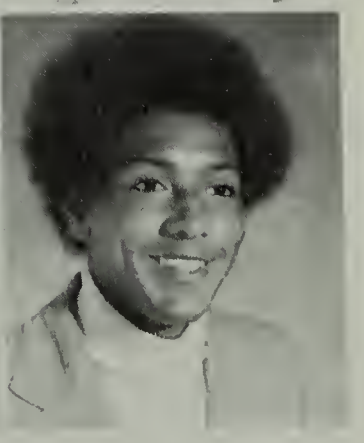
Alender Dale Cook: Pep Club
Lester Vernon Cook
Robin Lee Coon: Pep Club, NHS
Bernard Cooper











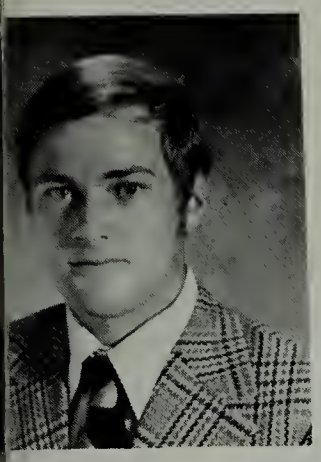
Debra Fay Cooper: FHA
Garry David Covington: Spanish Club, National Honor Society, SCA
Robert Young Cox: Tennis, NHS, Spanish Club Secretary, Latin Club Sgt-at-Arms, Junior Marshal
John Crawley Jr.

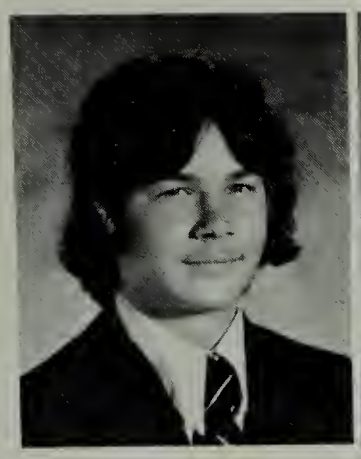
Ernest Coleman Crews
Norma Jean Crews
Debra Lynn Crowder: Art Club, Pep Club
Keith Russell Crowder

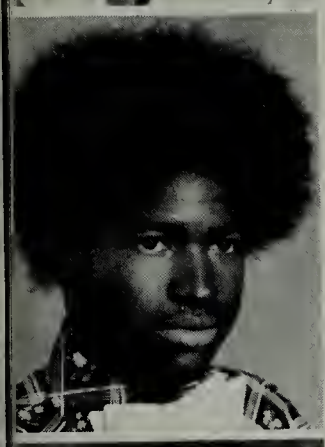
Ronald Crowder
Thomas Harold Crowder, III: Band, Chess Club, Latin Club, Homeroom President, Junior Marshal, Medical Explorers Vice-president
Celusia George Curtis, Jr.: Bus driver, Pep Club
Charlene Marie D'Agata: Latin Club, JV Cheerleader, Varsity Cheerleader Captain, Spanish Club, Medical Explorers, Star, Haliscope

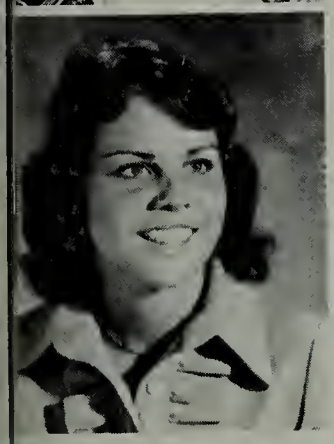
Cheryl Martin Dalman: Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, NHS
Florine Marie Davis: Pep Club
Joyletta Davis
Philip Wade Davis: Latin Club

TV politician. Emcee Becky Riddle stands by as Wanda McDowell's campaign speech is taped by the Audio-visual Department for playback to senior government classes.









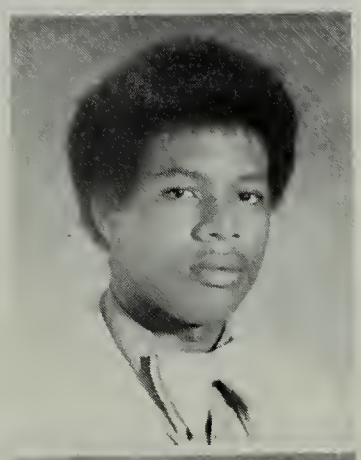
Television teddy bear

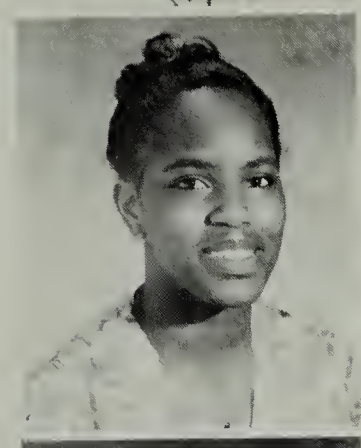
"Live from HCSH; it's the class elections show!"

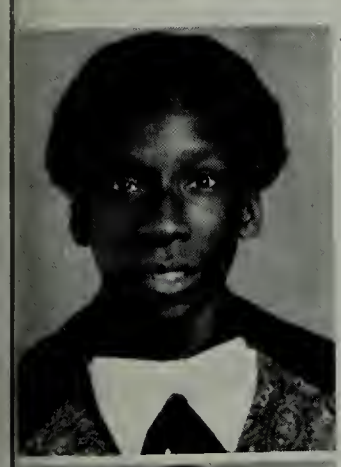
Maybe the change wasn't this dramatic, but for the first time, class election speeches were taped by the Audio-visual Department and shown over closed circuit TV. Designated classes swapped television sets on schedule and this year everyone could even hear what the candidates said.

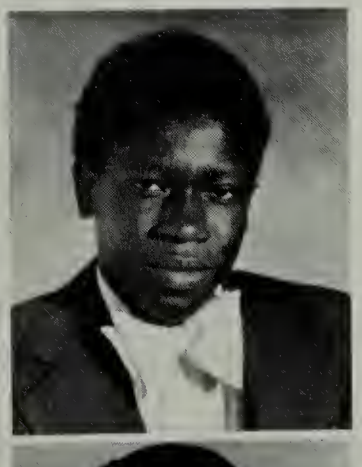
Becky Riddle welcomed the audience and introduced the cast. Seated in the library, each hopeful delivered promises. Stuttering and forgetting lines were unplanned humor. A blank face suddenly brightened when the starter said, "Go" and a couple of candidates sported blank faces after the "Go."

Just like the movies, props were used by some candidates as a big blue teddy bear made his TV debut; however, unlike familiar TV, there were no commercials.









David Wayne Day: Baseball, Chess Club
Thomas Allen Dean
Carlton W. Delaware: Pep Club, Baseball
Melba Elaine Delaware: Varsity Girls' Basketball, Haliscope, Star, Girls' Track, Pep Club, Spanish Club, SCA Representative, GAA

Gracie Victoria Dismuke
Al J. Dixon

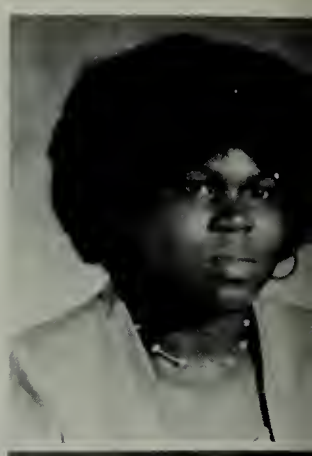
Cherokee Siegfried Dixon
Joyce Ann Dixon

Karen Divola Dixon: Comettes, Flag Corps, French Club, Medical Explorers, Star, Homeroom officer, SCA Representative
Kathy Jo Dixon: Modern Dance Club, Pep Club

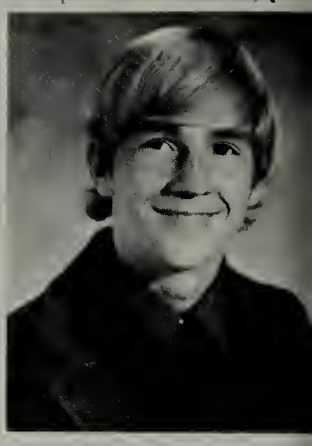
William Lacy Dixon
Ronald Dean Dixon: JV Football, Science Club, DECA
Patricia Leah Dunkley: FHA
Samuel Thomas Easley

Donna Faye Edmonds: Pep Club, Comette, FBLA, FHA President, Music Society, Homeroom officer
Elanor Oritha Edmonds: Choir
Rose Ann Edmonds
Wanda Denise Edmonds

James Frank Edmondson: Chess Club, Spanish Club
Adrienne Faye Edmunds: Pep Club, Comettes, VICA, Latin Club
Amy Lorraine Edmunds: Latin Club, SCA Grievance Board Chairman, Medical Careers, Modern Dance Club, NHS, Galaxy, Bicentennial Minute Local Winner, Junior Class President
Barbara J. Edmunds: Pep Club, FTA, Star



Cynthia Delores Edmunds: Pep Club, Flag Corps, SCA
Linda Cheryl Elliott: Spanish Club, VICA, Choir
Teresa Ann Elliott: French Club, Star, Haliscope, NHS, VICA
Boyd Ellis



Timothy Lee Engelman
David Preston Fallen: JV, Varsity Football, FFA

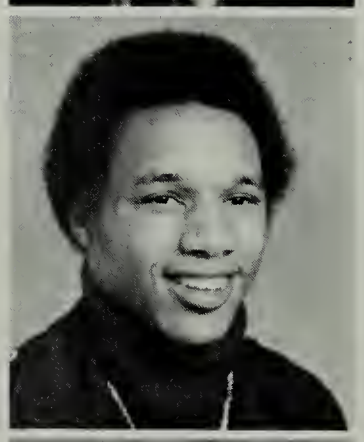
Big day for seniors

For almost every senior, April 26 was one of the most important days of the school year, second only to Graduation Day itself. It was on this day that seniors first received their long-awaited senior privileges.

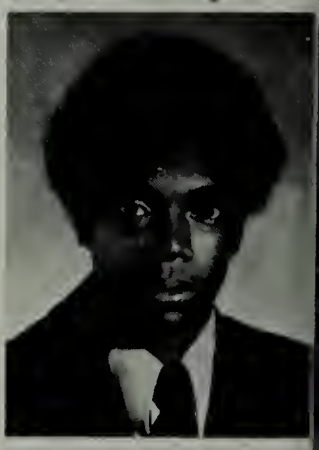
During the last six weeks of school, seniors were allowed to leave classes early for lunch and to leave school five minutes before other students. They received the benefit of not reporting to any study halls; those seniors having first period study hall were not required to report until homeroom and those having sixth period study hall were allowed to leave the school grounds.

Most underclassmen held the common view that these special privileges were "unfair." On the other hand, the arrival of the privileges was a final signal to the juniors that the year was nearing an end and that "their year" was not too far away.

Marvin Wayne Fallen: Varsity Football
Nancy Carol Fallen: NHS, Concert Choir, VICA, Spanish Club

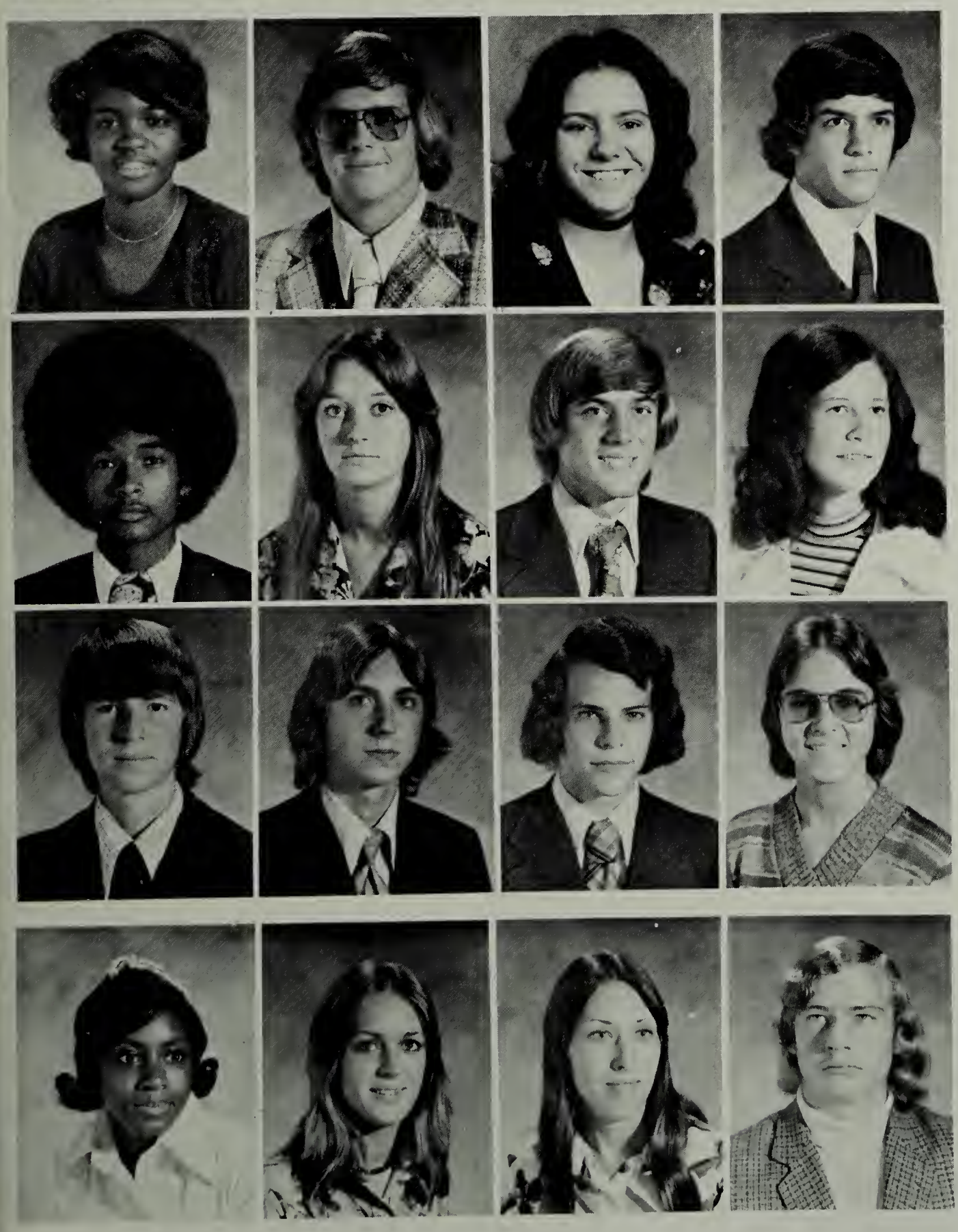


Frances Towles Faris: Latin Club, Star, Haliscope
Leo Ferguson: Cross Country, Track, VICA



Sheila Theresa Ferguson: HERO
Andrew Carlton Ferrell: County History Club, Star, Haliscope
Emmett Lee Ferrell: Pep Club, Star, JV Football, Dragsters Club
Janice Carol Ferrell: Dragsters Club, Pep Club, DECA Club

Spring fever. Karen Meadows gladly takes advantage of one of her senior privileges by escaping outdoors for study hall.



Susie Ann Ferrell
David Landrum Ford: Latin Club, JV Football, Medical Explorers, Golf
Janet Waller Ford: DECA
David Allen Forlines: French Club, P.E. Club, FFA

Gary Lee Foster: Bus Driver, Pep Club, Art Club
Faye Francis
Grayson Kelly Francis: Bus Driver, FFA
Betty Dale Francisco: Comettes, Spanish Club, Drama Club, Choir

Douglas Bruce Frazier, Jr.
Keith Michael Garber
Steve Russell Garber
Susan Marie Garrett: French Club, Flag Corp, Homeroom President, SCA

Elizabeth Gilmore
Brenda Carol Glasgow: Art Club, Comettes
Connie Hatcher Glass: DECA Secretary
Glenn Dale Glass

Julia Carolyn Glass: Pep Club
Peggy Lee Glass: Pep Club
Brenda Gayle Glasscock: DECA Club, Dragster's Club
Shirley Lee Glenn: FTA, Spanish Club, Star, Modern Dance Club, Youth for Christ, Spanish Honor Society, SCA Representative

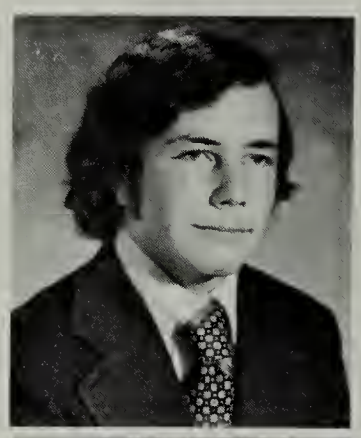
Armstead Boyd Glover, III: Latin Club, Star, Haliscope
Frank Blackwell Godbold, III: JV and Varsity Basketball Co-captain, Latin Club Vice-president, Sergeant-at-arms, Junior Marshal, SCA Sergeant-at-arms, National Honor Society.

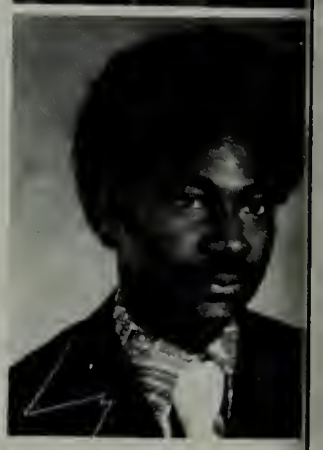
Yolanda Gomes: Homecoming Queen
Joseph Alvin Goode

Steve Marlow Gordon: Boys Physical Education Club, National Honor Society
William Marshall Granger: History Club Secretary, Drama Club Vice-president, Pep Club, Youth for Christ, Play Productions

James Bruce Graves
Stanley Jerone Gravitt: FFA, Track

Diana E. Green
Rhonda Lee Green
Anthony Grey Gregory: French Club, JV Football
Richard Wayne Gregory: JV Football, Boys' PE Club Treasurer, Varsity Football, Medical Explorers Treasurer, Prep All-American Football, Honorable Mention All-District Football, Drama Club, Play Productions





'It's John-boy Walton'

Most high school boys, and even some of the teachers, dream of owning a TR-7 or a Corvette, so it is most unusual to see certain males driving to school in antique cars. Seniors Robert Overstreet and Bruce Lee and Vice-principal Larry Clark were three such males who seemingly found this antique mode of transportation more appealing than modern day cars.

Robert drove a 1931 Ford Model-A roadster which has been in his family for 22 years. He liked to drive the old auto because, "It's more dependable than newer cars and you don't see too many of them; you don't meet yourself going down the road."

Bruce agreed with Robert as he also thinks "old cars are better than new ones. They're different," and that's one reason he drove a midnight blue 1936 Plymouth.

Mr. Clark is a self-confessed "auto-holic." He said, "I've always wanted a Model-A, so when I got this chance to buy one, I just couldn't pass it up." His car is a 1931 Ford town sedan, a special model since that was the last year Model-A's were made.

A remark by Mr. Clark's son typifies the reaction of many to these antique cars. When the car was delivered and Mr. Clark asked his young son who was in the driveway, he innocently replied, "I'm not sure, but I think its John-boy Walton."

Dewey Franklin Guill: DECA Club, Youth for Christ, Letterman's Club, Physical Education Club, Wrestling Team
Kenneth Wayne Guill: Chess Club, Latin Club, Tennis Co-captain, NHS
Glenda Gwen Guthrie: Comettes, Star, Homecoming Attendant, NHS Treasurer, Senior Class Secretary, Haliscope, SCA Representative, Homeroom Officer, Medical Explorers, Junior Class Vice-president.
Violet Loretta Guthrie: Pep Club, SCA Representative

Clyde Anderson Hall, Jr.: Latin Club Reporter, Shutterbug Club Vice-president, JV, Varsity Football, Star, Haliscope, Play Productions, Letterman's Club
Wesley Allen Hall
Mary Catherine Hamlette: Pep Club, Shutterbug Club
Lori Lynn Harmon

Dora Mae Harris: FHA, Pep Club
Ossie Alexander Harris: FFA
Robert Charles Powell Harris: Latin Club, Golf, Lettermen's Club
Robin Lecia Harrison: Drama Club, Spanish Club, SCA Representative

Charles Herbert Hatcher, III: SCA, Latin Club, Varsity Football, Tennis, NHS, Governor's School, Merit Letter of Commendation
Garrie Dwayne Hawkins: SCA Treasurer, Football, Latin Club, Science Club, Homeroom President, SCA Representative, Bus Driver
Cheryl Elizabeth Haymes: Medical Explorers, Pep Club
David Lee Heath

William Edmond Henderson, Jr.: Pep Club
Kim Renee Henderson: Latin Club Vice-president; SCA Representative, Haliscope, Star.
Sheila Barksdale Henderson: Dragster's Club
Juanita Ann Hicks: NHS, Pep Club

John-boy Walton? Robert Overstreet displays his 1931 Ford roadster, The car has been in his family for 22 years.

Aldora Lee Hightower: Band, Pep Club, SCA
Joyce Hill: SCA Representative, FTA, Pep Club

Larry Donell Hill: Shutterbug Club, SCA Representative, Basketball
Mary Lavinia Hill: Spanish Club, FTA, Band, Haliscope

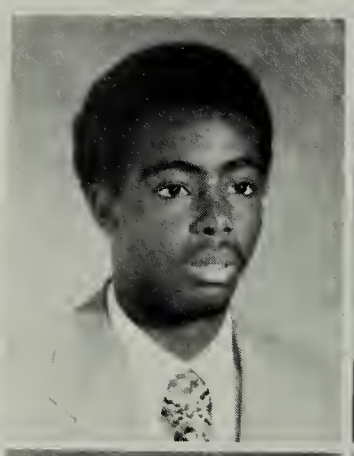
Norman R. Hill: Varsity Basketball, Pep Club
Sandra Dianne Hill: Homeroom Officer, French Club President, Star, Haliscope, National Honor Society
Delma Gray Hodges: Drama Club, Star, Youth for Christ, Haliscope, Dragsters Club
Howard Thomas Hodges

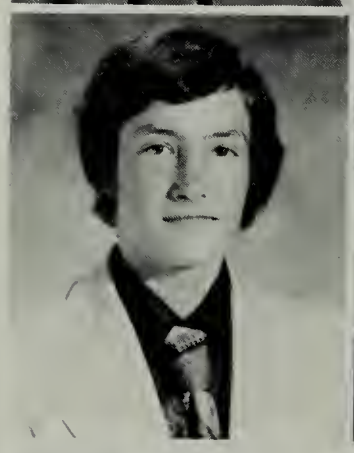
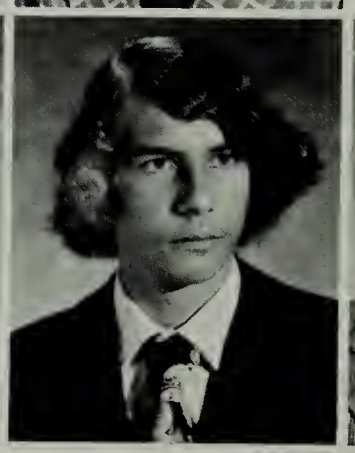
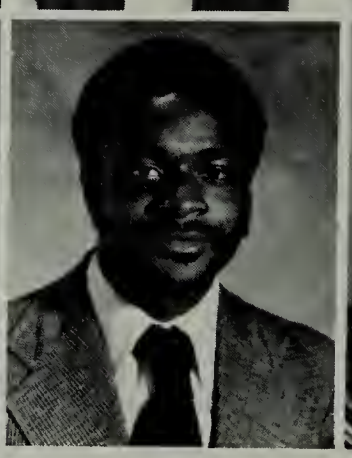
Susie Adell Hodges: Pep Club
Stacy W. Hogan
Andrea LaVera Holeman: Modern Dance, SCA Representative, Spanish Club, Star
Branton Leo Holland

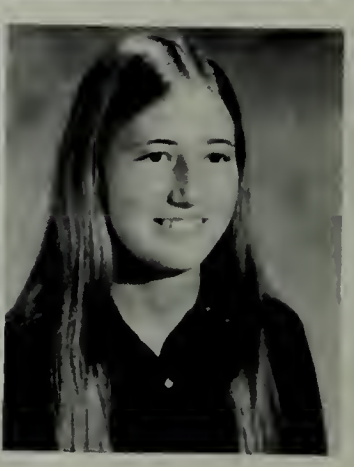
Thomas Richard Holt: JV Basketball, JV Football Manager, Latin Club, NHS
Carl Edward Howerton: FFA
Willie B. Howerton: Pep Club
Dorothy Rebecca Hubbard: Latin Club, Star, Haliscope

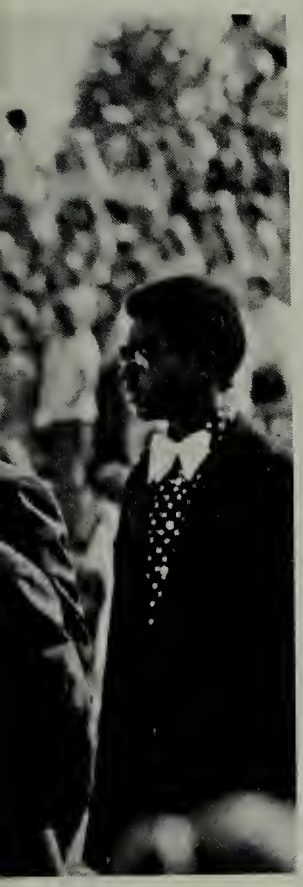
Wanda Lee Hubbard
Mary Catherine Hubble: DECA, Spanish Club
Lydia Lane Hudson: Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Medical Careers Club President
Nancy Lynn Hudson

Tradition. Class Day provides seniors a second opportunity to march into an assembly. Onlookers stand to honor the procession entering the stadium.





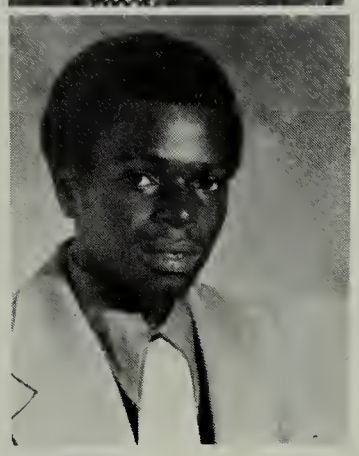


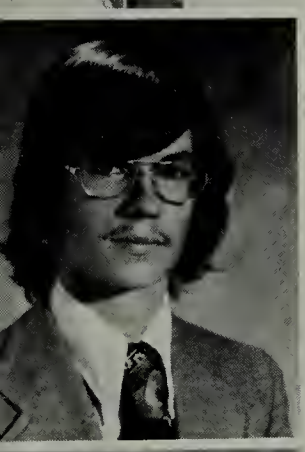
All those eyes staring

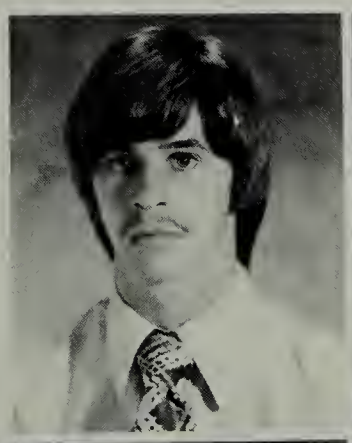
Marching in at assemblies is a traditional privilege for seniors. For the first time, seniors exercised the privilege at the Christmas assembly by marching into the gym, double-lined.

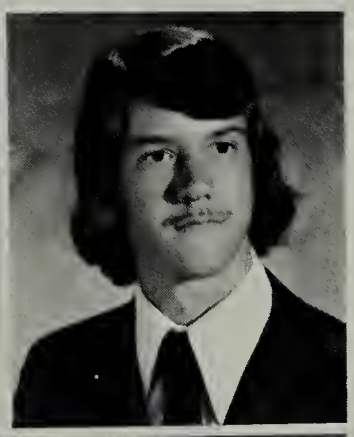
According to tradition, underclassmen must stand quietly in the bleachers while almost 600 seniors march in and take their seats on the gym floor. The feeling? Self-consciousness.

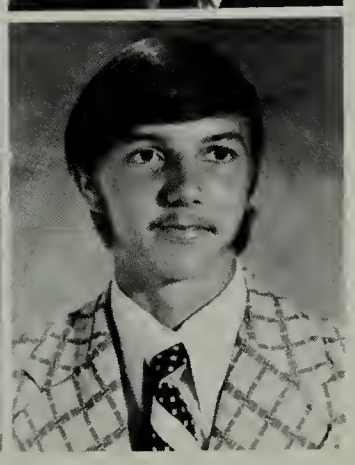
As each senior walks up the center aisle, he feels all those eyes staring at him. He wonders, "Am I walking funny?" Some seniors smirk at the underclassmen, remembering when they had to stand for seniors. Others become very proud and nostalgic as they think of the twelve years of school and hard work which earned them the privilege of marching.

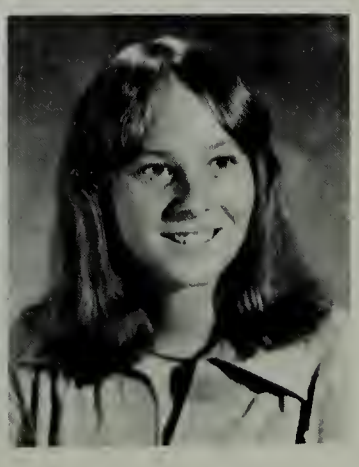












Robert Charles Hudson: Science Club, Chess Club, Track

Bobby Wayne Hughes

Wilbur Courtney Humphrey: Pep Club, JV Football, Track, Wrestling Team, Marching and Concert Band
Jackie Lynn Hunt: Latin Club, SCA, Bus Driver, NHS

Richard Alan Hunt: Band, Chess Club, French Club, Pep Band, All-regional Concert Symphonic Band, SCA Representative, Stage Band, Tri-M President, NHS
Eugene Terry Ingram: JV Basketball, Track, P.E. Club, Star, Haliscope
James Willard Irby, Jr.
Connie Mae Irvin

Francis Mame Jackson: Pep Club, FHA
Shirley Ann Jackson: FHA
Daryl Wayne Jacobs
Rufus Karl Jeffress

Charlie Wilson Jennings
Andrew Parker Johnson: Latin Club
Vickie Lee Johnson: Spanish Club
Anthony Ray Jones: P.E. Club, Baseball Team

D.C. won't be the same

If you happened to see a rather rugged-looking group of students sleepily dragging around the bus parking lot at 4 a.m. on the morning of May 8, you can be assured that they were not up to mischief. The group of 42 students and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo were on their way to the nation's capital.

You may also wonder why two adults would even consider taking 42 students some 250 miles away from home, but when you look at the fact that 36 girls and six boys went on the trip, you will realize that there couldn't have been too much trouble.

All-in-all the annual senior trip to Washington, D.C. was a big success. After arrival at approximately 9:30 a.m. the group toured the Lincoln Memorial, the White House and then ate lunch in a city park.

The Ford Theatre, the home where President Lincoln died, the Capitol Building, Arlington Cemetery and the Smithsonian Institute were visited following lunch.

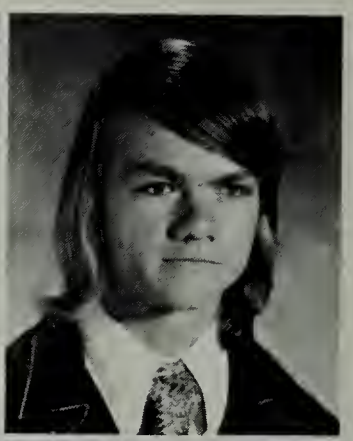
Dinner at 10 p.m. on the 13th floor of the Quality Inn was a treat to all of those who didn't order the cheapest thing on the menu. Following supper everybody "hit the sack" and rose at 8 a.m. to get ready to go to the zoo.

As you might surmise, all of the students felt right at home with the animals. The gorillas seemed to be everyone's favorites; they even watch the cartoons and soap operas on TV.

After stopping for a quick tour of Mount Vernon, the tired but more knowledgeable group was on its way back to old Halifax County.

Washington will never be the same!

Calvin Harrison Jones: DECA Treasurer, French Club, Dragsters and Safety Club, SCA Representative, A-V Club
Emma Elizabeth Jones: Pep Club, Talent Show
Kathy Adelle Jones
Randy Barkley Jones



Rebecca Faye Jones: Band, Mixed Chorus, Camarata, Pep Club
Terrie Lynn Jones: FHA, Mixed Chorus
Wanda Hope Jones: FHA, FBLA
Dianne Jordan: FHA, DECA

Bernard Link King
Debra Marie King
Eva Odell King
Mary Ann King

Ronald Lacy King: French Club, Latin Club, Homeroom Officer
Katie Frances Kirby
Brenda Lee Lacks: Pep Club
Keith Edward Lacks

Senior sightseers. Forty-two government students visit the Capitol as part of the annual senior trip to Washington, D.C.

Mark Stephen Lacks: Art Club
Ruby Rebecca Layne
Bruce Alan Lee: Spanish Club, Shutterbug Club, Pep Club
Gary Clinton Lehew

Carolyn Juanita Leigh: FHA, Track, HERO Reporter, Majorette
Rebecca Olivia Leigh: FHA, HERO
Dane Paige Lewis
Irma Lewis: FHA, Library Assistant

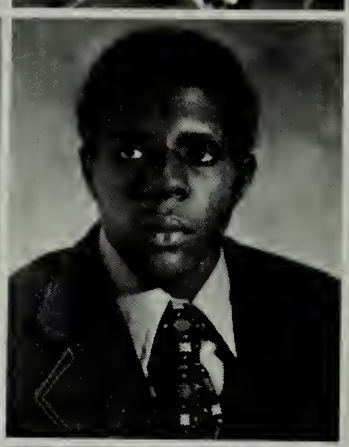
Janet Newbill Lewis: Pep Club
Jerry Lee Lewis
Jo Ann Lewis: Latin Club, NHS, SCA Representative, Medical Careers, Medical Explorers
Michael Edward Link

Priscilla Delores Link
Greg Llewellyn
Daphne Ann Lloyd: Spanish Club
Lindy Jo Lloyd

Dennis Malcolm Loftis: French Club, Science Club, Homeroom Officer, NHS
Glenn Anthony Loftis
Timothy Donald Loftis
Curtis Lancaster Logan

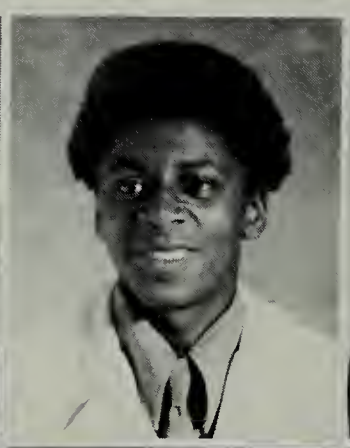
Leslie James Logan: Homeroom Officer, Pep Club, SCA, Vice-president of Choir, Jr. Class Sgt.-at-Arms, Spanish Club, Sr. Class Reporter, Band, Camarata, Pep Band
Shari Enid Logan: Spanish Club, Pep Club, SCA
William Stuart Logan: Band, Choir, Chorale Ensemble, Pep Club
Debra Wazeka Long

Lawrence Michael Long
Geraldine Elizabeth Lovelace
James P. Lovelace
Amy Carol Lowery: Art Club

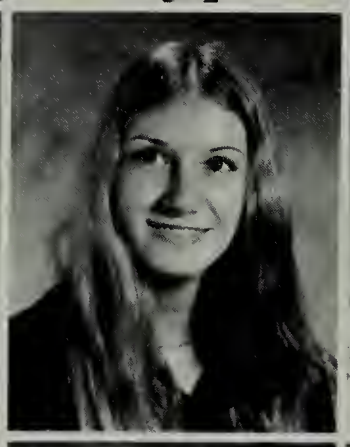


Ralph Hamlett Lowery, Jr.
Vickie Diane Lowery: FHA
Patricia Ann Lynch: FHA
Carol Annette McBride

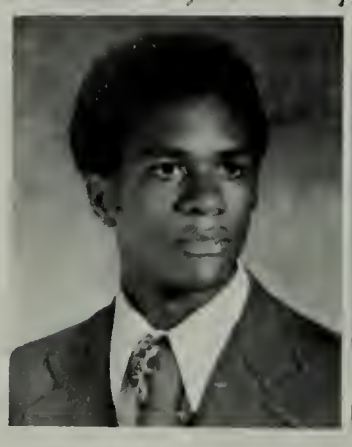
Deborah Davenport McCargo: Pep Club, Spanish Club
Dwight Nathaniel McCargo
Gloria Mae McCargo: DECA Club, FHA, Pep Club, Girls' Chorus
Sharon Beatrice McCargo: Spanish Club, Youths for Christ Club



Terry Latrice McCargo
Carey Anne McClure: Spanish Club
Karen Michelle McGraw: Current Events Club, Latin Club, Star, Haliscope
Valerie Delfonta McCraw: DECA Reporter, Pep Club



Vernon McCraw: FFA, DECA
Wanda Gale McDowell: SCA Representative, Sophomore Class Secretary-Treasurer, NHS, Star, Haliscope, Spanish Honor Society, Spanish Club, Homeroom Officer, Jr. Class Secretary, Sr. Class Treasurer
William Woods McLaughlin: JV Football, Basketball, Star Columnist, Haliscope, Cross-country, Track, NHS Vice-president, French Club
Carol Ann McLeod



Julia Ann Malone: Pep Club, HERO
Kate Stevenson Mapp: Spanish Club, Star, Haliscope, Galaxy, Art Club, Drama Club, Medical Explorers
Mary Agnes Rebecca Marable: French Club, SCA Representative, Band, Pep Club, FTA, Choral Ensemble, Mixed Chorus, Camerata
Doris Marie Marable

Dean Thomas Marshall: Chess Club, Social Studies Club
John W. Marshall: Pep Club, Art Club, Industrial Arts Club
Linda Faye Marshall: Art Club, FHA Club, Pep Club
Marsha Anne Marshburn: French Club, FHA, Tri-Hi-Y, NHS, Band, Star, Haliscope

Edgar Thomas Martin: Spanish Club, SCA Representative, Haliscope, Star, Homeroom Officer, P.E. Club
Emerson Eugene Martin
James Riley Martin: Spanish Club, Science Club, Golf Team, Hi-Y President, Haliscope, Star
Larry W. Martin: Band, FFA, Latin Club

Top two. Mark Yates and Lydia Reaves, the highest ranked seniors in the class, talk over their plans for college.

Reluctant scholars

Seniors Lydia Reaves and Mark Yates were not much different from their classmates, except for the fact that they made better grades. Lydia and Mark completed their senior year ranked first and second, respectively. Lydia earned a final average of 96.947 while Mark's was 96.900.

Lydia and Mark are alike in that neither liked to study. Lydia said, "I don't mind doing written work, but I hate to study for tests." Similarly, Mark confessed that he hated to study, so he didn't unless he had to.

During high school, Lydia was a Comette as well as a member of the National Honor Society. Another Honor Society member, Mark ran track and was co-captain of the baseball team.

Lydia plans to attend Elon College where she will participate in the Elon Scholars Program. Mark will attend Hampden-Sydney College on a Patrick Henry Scholarship.

Martha Louise Martin: FHA, HERO Treasurer, HERO Reporter, Pep Club
Donna Lee Matherly: Homeroom Officer, DECA President
Karen Ann Meadows: GAA, Spanish Club, All-Regional Choir, Camerata, Drama Club, JV, Varsity Cheerleader, SCA Representative
Bobby Wayne Medley

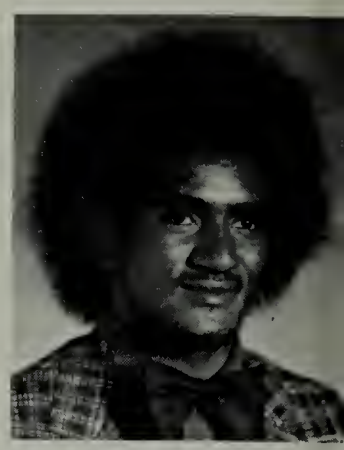
Debra Ann Medley: Pep Club, FHA, SCA, Comette
Gloria Jean Medley: Comette, Pep Club, SCA Representative

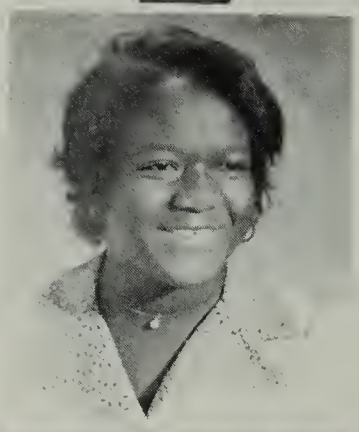
Shelia Mae Medley: SCA, Pep Club, FBLA, NHS, Junior Marshal
Martha Kathryn Meeler

Betty S. Miller: HERO Historian, SCA Representative, Chorus, Medical Careers Club
Donnie West Miller: Pep Club

Martha Carnell Miller: Pep Club, SCA, FHA Secretary
Patty Regina Miller: Flag Corps, Pep Club
Scott Harold Miller: Latin Club
Swannie Nathan Miller

William Morgan Miller, Jr.: Haliscope, Star, Chess Club, Homeroom Officer, Medical Explorers Club
Brenda Dixon Mills: Comettes, NHS, GAA, Homeroom Officer
Cynthia Diane Mills
Diberal William Mills, III





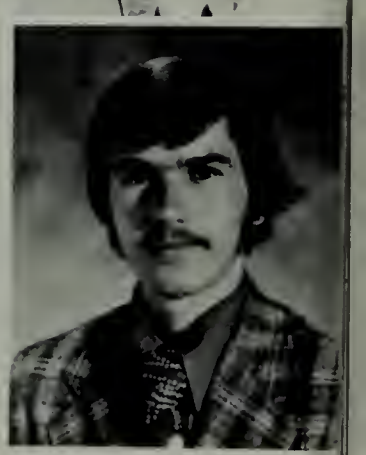
Top four per cent

Kelly Rebick, Anne Benassi, Melanie Wilkerson, Chuck Hatcher and Robert Overstreet received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program for their excellent performance on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests taken during their junior year.

Over one million high school students took the tests and only one out of every 35,000 participants were designated as recipients of the Letter of Commendation. This award placed these students in the top four per cent scoring bracket in the United States.

All five of the students were active in the National Honor Society. Kelly, Anne and Chuck attended the Governor's School for the Gifted last summer.

Robert was chosen as a delegate to Boys' State and Melanie belonged to the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.



Recognized. Students receiving Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Test are **(clockwise from top)** Melanie Wilkerson, Robert Overstreet, Kelly Rebick, Chuck Hatcher and Anne Benassi.

Dinah Kay Mitchell: French Club, FTA
Donna Gay Mitchell: French Club

Cynthia Denise Moore: Spanish Club, GAA, Drama Club, Camerata, Majorettes, All-Regional Choir, Homeroom Officer, Tri-M
Teresa Diane Moore: Pep Club, French Club

Kathryn Dale Moorefield: FTA Secretary, French Club, Haliscope, Star, Galaxy, Science Club
Pamela Gail Morris: Spanish Club, SCA Representative, Star, Flag Corps Captain, Medical Explorers, Haliscope, Homeroom Officer
Regina Elizabeth Morton: Band, FHA, NHS, HERO Vice-president, Senior Class President, SCA Representative, Cheerleader
Annette Murray

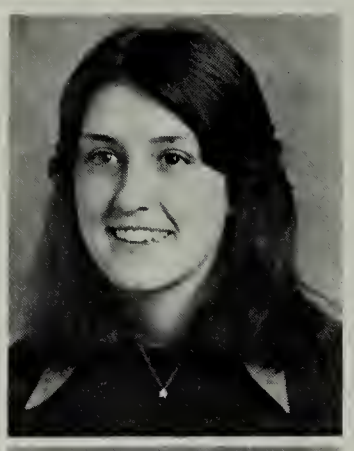
Dwight Devel Muse: Track Team, Basketball
Mary Alice Nelson: SCA Representative, Junior Class Treasurer, Spanish Club, Star, Haliscope, Homeroom Officer
Carl Hubble Newton, Jr.: JV Football, Dragster Club, Homeroom President, Bus Driver
Pamela Rye Norman: French Club, NHS, Homeroom President, French Honor Society

Wanda Gale Oakes: GAA
Brenda Lee Oliver
Karen Louveren Oliver
Sandra Lynn Ondich: Pep Club, VICA

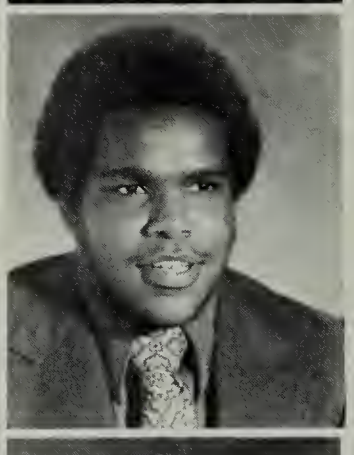
Robert Sutherlin Overstreet: Spanish Club, Latin Club, Spanish National Honor Society, Star, Haliscope, NHS, American Legion Boys' State, Shutterbug Club, Chess Club
Kenneth Thomas Owen: VICA, FFA, Dragsters Club
Edward Owens: Basketball, Pep Club, Star, SCA President, Junior Marshal, SCA Representative, NHS, Haliscope
Kevin Gaylord Parton: Haliscope, Star, Science Club

Ella Louise Patrick: Pep Club
Caroline Elizabeth Perkins: DECA
Rhonda Lynne Perry: NHS, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society
Willie J. Petty

Frances Diane Piechota: Spanish Club, Band, Homeroom Officer
John Hudson Pinson



Kent W. Poindexter
Raleigh Austin Poindexter



Bernard Lee Poole, Jr.
Elbert Jasper Poole: FFA

Diane Lynn Powell: FTA, Art Club, French Club
Emily Ann Powell
Virginia Ann Powell: DECA
Susan Lynn Pruett: National Honor Society, Girl's Basketball and Volleyball, GAA, Latin Club President, Medical Explorers

David Harold Pulliam: Stage Band, Wind Symphony, All-Regional Band, Symphonic Band, French Club, Bus Driver, Homeroom President, Solo and Ensemble, Modern Music
Sara Lucinda Pulliam: Spanish Club, GAA, Camerata, All-Regional Choir, Drama Club, Play Productions
Kurt Timothy Puryear
Sherry Leigh Puryear: VICA Club, Dragster's Club, Homeroom Officer

Note card protection

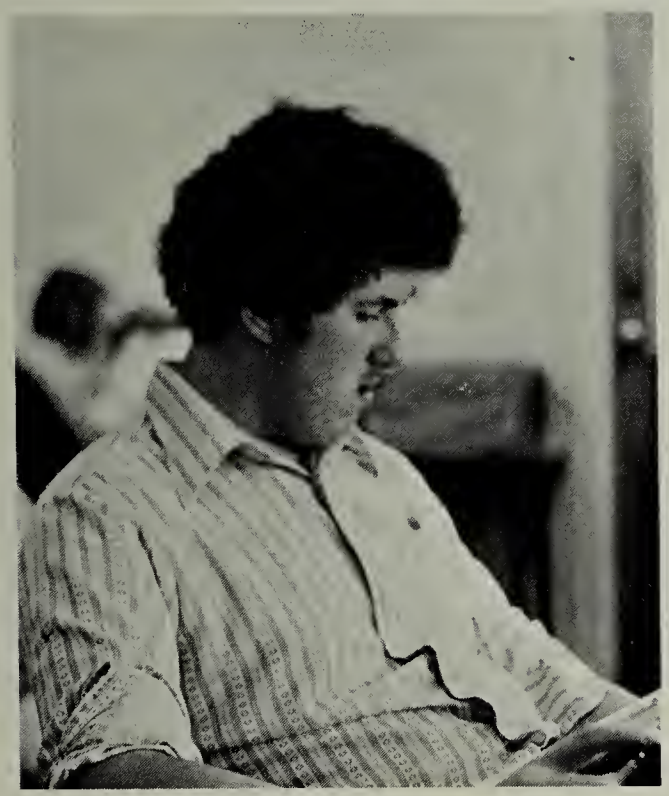
"And be sure to put the page number . . . the correct page number," explained teachers over and over again as they attempted to teach seniors the correct procedure in writing term papers.

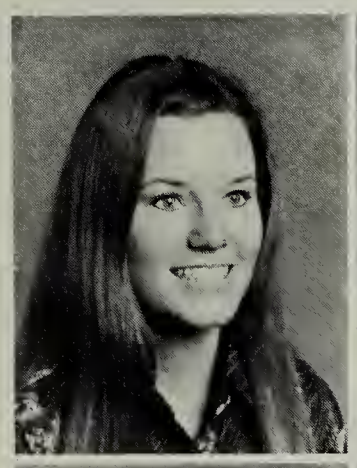
During the spring, the library was continuously full of students looking for every possible source of information on their term paper topics. For the first time all year, lockers were locked in order to protect precious note cards.

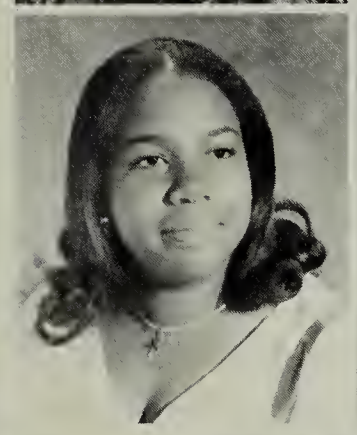
"Smart" students finished their papers early while others were still at it the night before papers were due.

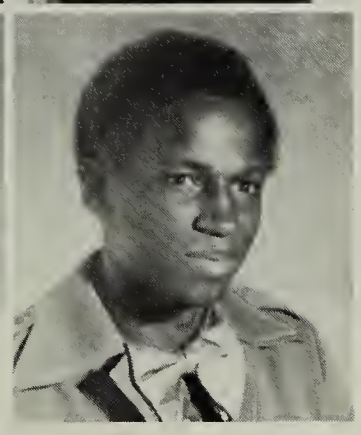
Finishing the paper wasn't the end of the agony. While a great deal of time was spent preparing the term paper, a great deal was spent preparing one's self for the grades. Some students were joyous over their grades and others disturbed, but everyone shared one common feeling . . . that of relief that the ordeal was over.

Information please. Randy Cage uses every free minute to research his topic as seniors learned the mechanics of writing a term paper.









Susan Lynn Puryear: Comettes, Dragsters and Safety Club, VICA, Homecoming Attendant, SCA Representative
Teresa A. Quarles

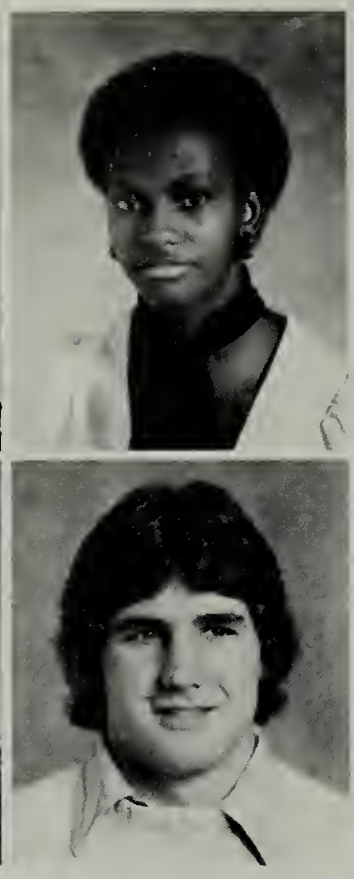
Charlene Marie Ragland: Pep Club, Spanish Club
William Albert Ragland: Pep Club, Dragsters Club, Athletic Club

Martha Vanessa Ragsdale: FHA, Volleyball Team, Drama Club, Spanish Club Reporter, Track Team Manager, Letterman's Club, FTA, Star, Pep Club, Forensic Contest, Play Productions
Rosa Mae Reamer: FHA, HERO, NHS
Beverly Ann Reaves: Spanish Club Vice-President, Spanish Honor Society, NHS, SCA Representative
Lydia Rene Reaves: SCA, Spanish Club, Comettes, NHS, Tri-Hi-Y

Kelly Sue Rebick: Spanish Club, NHS, Volleyball Captain, Tennis, Spanish Honor Society, Volleyball Most Valuable Player, Governor's School, Junior Marshal
James Phillip Reese, Jr.: FFA President
Michael Clinton Reeves: Band, Wind Symphony, Stage Band, All-Regional Concert and Symphonic Band
Barbara Anne Regar: NHS, Latin Club, Medical Careers President, Tri-Hi-Y, Medical Explorers, Band, Girls' State, Tennis

Robin Renea Rice: Dragsters Club
Joan Davis Richardson
Kenneth Lee Richardson: Homeroom Officer, Dragsters Club
Paul Shelton Richardson

Wanda Gayle Richardson
Rebecca Lee Riddle: Star Editor, Galaxy Editor, Haliscope, DAR Good Citizen, Cheerleader, NHS, Medical Explorers, Spanish Club President, President of Tri-Hi-Y, SCA Representative, Girls' State, Junior Marshal
Frank Edward Ridgway: Spanish Club, Track, Junior Marshal, Senior Class Sergeant-at-arms, SCA, Letterman's Club, Medical Explorers, Homeroom Officer
Lawrence Carlton Ridgeway: Industrial Arts Club



Calvin Alton Roark
Raymond Alexander Roberts: Wrestling, Art Club, Pep Club, Letterman's Club, JV, Varsity Football
Lucinda Mae Robertson: Pep Club, Art Club
Robert Louis Robertson

Wilbert Lester Robinson
Sherry Averett Roller: Comettes, VICA, Homeroom Officer
David Anthony Rose: Varsity Football
Scott Hadley Rottler

Forms again

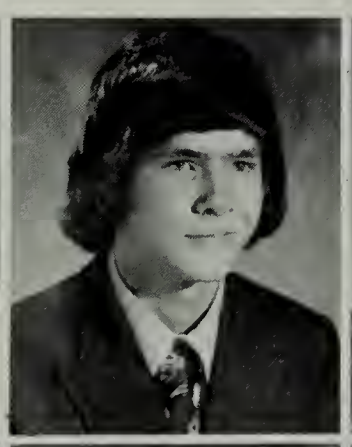
The person who invented the slogan "Be Prepared" must have had seniors in mind, for as soon as the school year got underway, seniors began preparation for that far-off day in June known as Graduation Day.

No matter what the phase of graduation preparation, seniors were constantly required to fill out forms. The most important ones concerned post-graduate plans. Whether applying for a job or to a college, each required a form to be filled out.

By mid-year seniors were becoming increasingly busy with more graduation plans and consequently, more forms to fill out. These forms were order blanks as seniors ordered the graduates' essentials: senior portraits, caps, gowns, announcements and thank-you notes.

In the spring, seniors turned their attention to the last facet of preparation — that dealing with Class Day and Graduation itself. Most seniors made arrangements for suits or white dresses and also voted for Who's Who of the senior class, once again getting to fill out one of those now-familiar forms.

Final plans were made as Mr. Clark and the 587 seniors practiced in 90 degree weather. Graduation went smoothly thus completing 12 years of preparation, the last 180 days of which had been aimed toward one main goal: being prepared.



Shelby Diane Rowland
Richard Peter Rowland
Judy Kay Rudd: Flag Corps, Comettes, FBLA, French Club
Ronald Alan Rudder: NHS, Bus Driver Club

Brenda Kaye Sadler: Art Club
Alice Kay Satterfield: NHS, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Homeroom Officer, Girls' Tennis, Basketball, FTA Treasurer, GAA
James Satterfield
David Edward Schreffler III: Latin Club, Industrial Arts Club

The final touches. With graduation drawing near, homeroom representative Cynthia Wyatt gives Charlend D'Agata her cap and gown, as Rob Cox waits his turn.

Michael Frederick Scott: Latin Club, Spanish Club
Mary Susan Seamster: Drama Club, FHA, FTA, FBLA, Spanish Club, Karate Club, Youth for Christ, Library Assistant, Star, Haliscope, FFA Creed Contest Winner, Homeroom Officer
Patsy Leigh Seamster: French Club, FTA, Art Club
Roger Lee Seamster

Susan Marie Seamster: French Club, Art Club, FTA
Timothy Lee Seigla: SCA Representative, Dragster's Club
Karen Nanette Shelton: Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Star, Haliscope, NHS Reporter, FTA President, Youth for Christ, Galaxy
Ramona Lynn Sheperd: GAA, Spanish Club, Gymnastics, Track, Latin Club

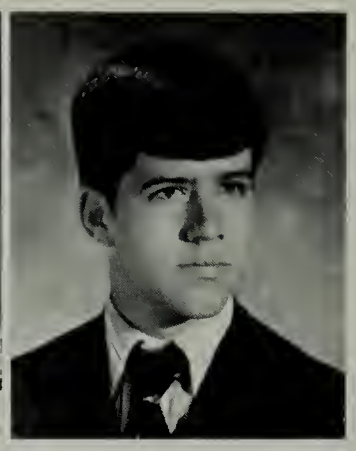
Michael Wade Shortt: Latin Club, Tennis, SCA
Grace Dianne Simmons: French Club, Art Club, Bus Driver
Nettie Lou Simon: FHA, HERO, SCA, Comettes, NHS
Richard Macon Sizemore: Latin Club, Pep Club, Medical Explorers, Indoor, Outdoor Track, Co-captain, NHS

Brenda L. Smith
Elsie Mae Smith: Spanish Club, NHS

James Lee Smith: Varsity Basketball
Sheryle Bugg Smith: Latin Club, FTA, Vice-president, Medical Explorers, Medical Careers Treasurer, Pep Club

Teresa Paige Smith: Spanish Club, NHS
Tom Wayne Snead: Drama President, Chess Club, Spanish Club, Social Studies Club

Robin Jean Snow: Dragster's Club, FBLA, Vice-president, NHS
Donnie Dean Snow: P.E. Club, Varsity Football
Charles William Solomon: FFA, Bus Driver, Hi-Y
Susan Marie Solomon: Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, NHS



Tragic memories

Everyone, including this year's seniors must learn to accept the bad parts of life along with the good ones. While graduation is usually a joyous occasion, it too was overshadowed by the memory of tragic deaths of members of the Class of '76.

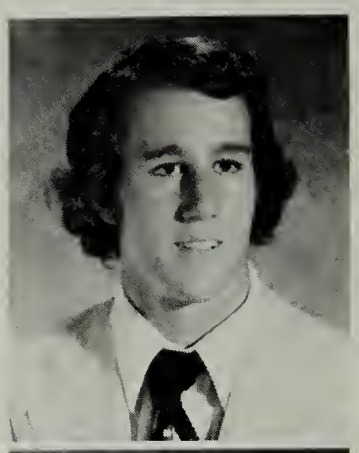
Prior to this past school year, two members of the class were killed in automobile accidents. They were Danny Beard and Garland Wilson Lacks, Jr.

During the course of the year, two more boys, Calvin Alton Roark and John Wayne Sweeney, also lost their lives in traffic accidents.

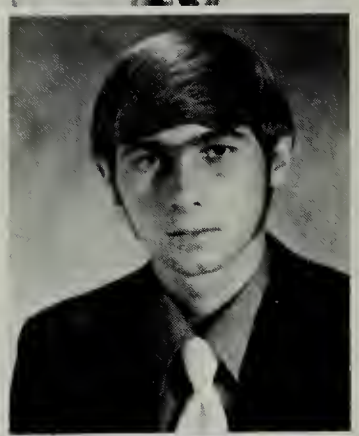
A fifth accident came in the form of a drowning as it claimed the life of George Lee Woody only two weeks after graduation.

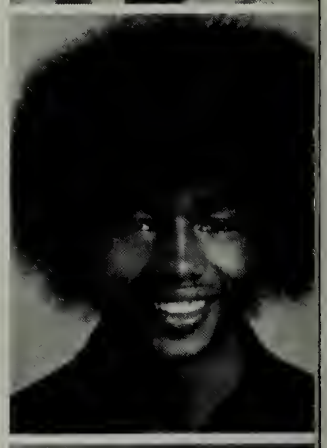
A check of the records shows this many deaths so near graduation to be unprecedented in the school's history.

Mark Redding Sompayrac: Spanish Honor Society, SCA Representative, JV Football Co-Captain, Varsity Football Co-captain, JV Basketball, Senior Class Vice-president
Jesse R. Spencer, Jr.

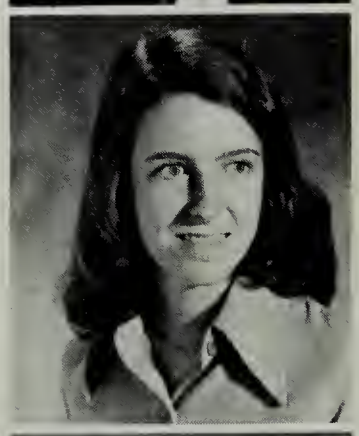


Steven Ray Spencer
James Henry Stanfield



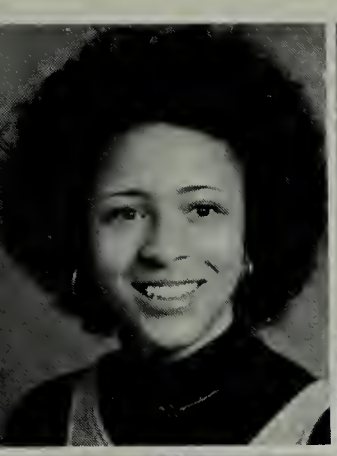
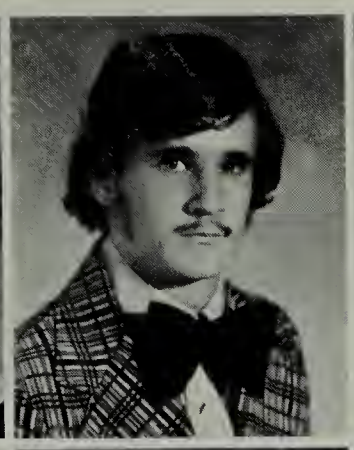
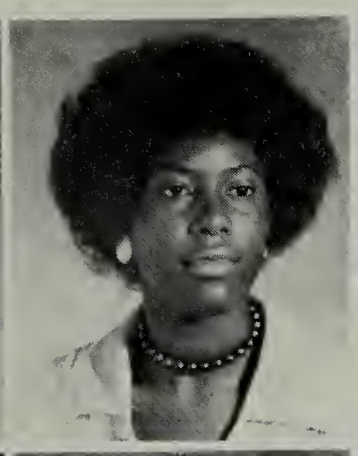
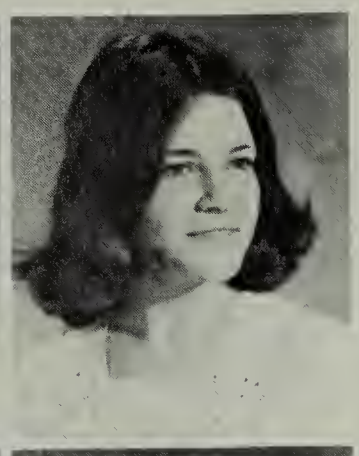


Anne Carter Stephens: Spanish Club, NHS, Medical Careers Historian, Haliscope, Star, Tri-Hi-Y President, Secretary
Cender Iola Stephens: Latin Club, Pep Club, Medical Careers Club, Medical Explorers Club

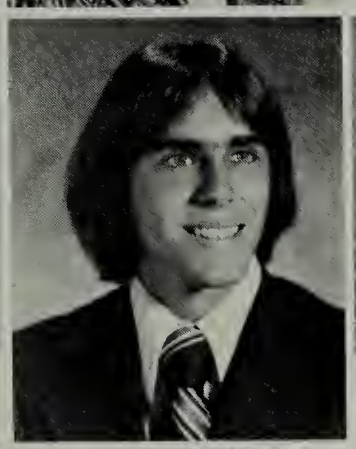
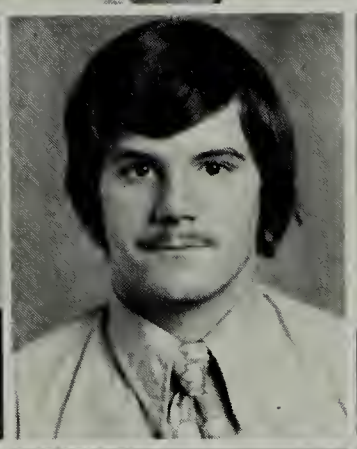
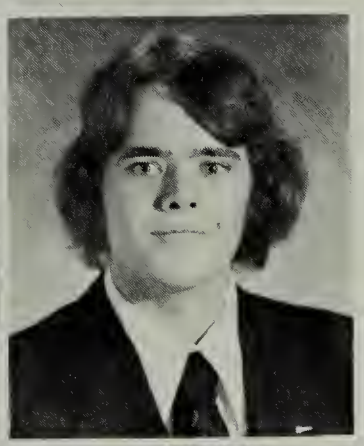


Kathy Sue Stephens: Art Club, Pep Club
Victoria Annette Stevens
Hugh Warren Stewart: Homeroom President, FFA, VICA
Sylvia Stewart: FHA, Pep Club, HERO Secretary, President

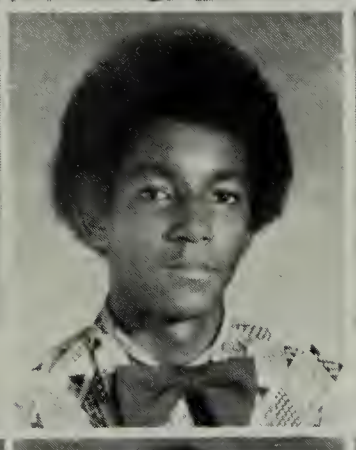
Brent Marcus Stokes: P.E. Club
Bernice Weldon Stone, Jr.
Debra Stovall
Gladys Marie Stovall: FHA

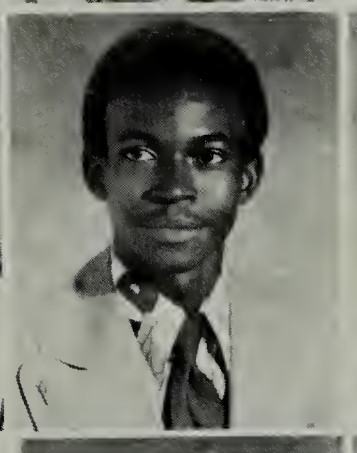
Pamela Patrice Strange: Latin Club, Pep Club, Majorettes, HERO Club
W. Terrell Switzer: FFA, Bus Driver, Dragster's Club
Drucilla Ann Sydnor: Pep Club, SCA Representative
Jaqueline Lynn Talbott

Millie Laverne Taylor
Michael Everett Taylor: JV Football, Golf, Baseball, Sophomore Sgt-at-Arms, Homeroom Officer, Medical Explorers, Chess Club
Stephen Eugene Taylor: FFA
Henry Paul Terry III: SCA Representative, Chess Club, Latin Club



Jo Ann Terry: Spanish Club, NHS
Kimmy Annette Terry
Stanley Bryan Terry
Carolyn Anderson Thomas: French Club



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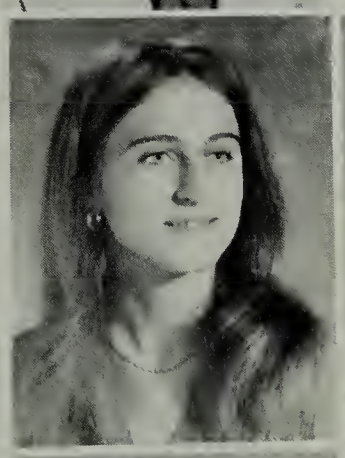
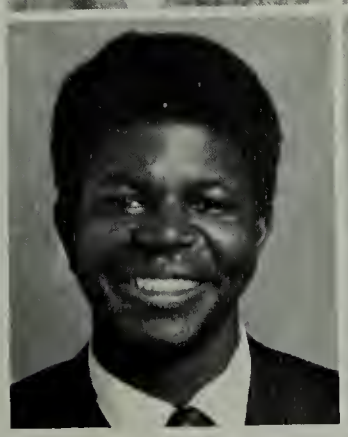
Donna Stevens Thompson: French Club
James M. Thompson
Mary Yvonne Thorpe: SCA Representative, Pep Club, HERO, Homeroom Officer



Brenda Lucille Throckmorton
Debra Sheree Torian: Pep Club, FHA, Spanish Club



Richard Lee Torian
Barbara Ann Traynham: FHA, Pep Club

Star athlete. George Woody, an outstanding member of the varsity football and basketball teams, was the victim of a drowning accident in late June.

New figure on the court

All eyes learned to spot the new blue and white figure on the basketball court. Maybe it was because it performed flips, handsprings, handstands and a dozen other stunts, or maybe it was because HE was a male. Buster Butler repeated Halifax history by becoming its second boy cheerleader since the late 50's.

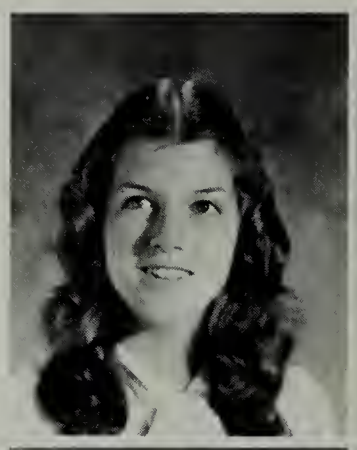
Long hours of practice with the girls' gymnastics team preceded the usual court perfection. Buster's fringe benefits included being cussed out at away games, applauded during time-outs and traveling in a van with 16 girls.

Super Comet was a familiar figure from last year. The cape-clad hero was portrayed by Carlos Coleman at home football games.

Carlos helped spark the crowd at pep rallies by clapping and yelling. He even had an act in which he ran between the cheerleaders during a band tune, all to prove that he was Super Comet.

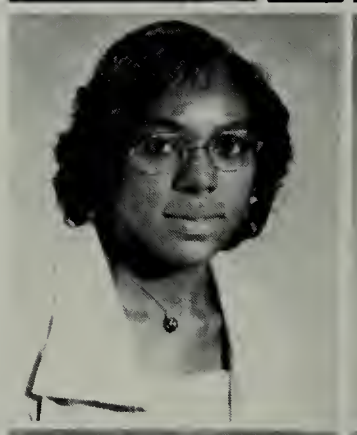
Emily Gay Tuck: French Club, Girl's Track Team, JV Cheerleader, Star Reporter, Haliscope
Jane Adams Tuck: Latin Club Secretary, NHS, Medical Explorers Secretary, Tri-M Treasurer, SCA, Band, All-Virginia Band

Lydia Gordon Tuck: French Club Secretary, Head Comette, Galaxy Staff, NHS, Gymnastics Team, Girls' State Delegate, SCA Representative, Medical Explorers
Dwight Vincent Tucker

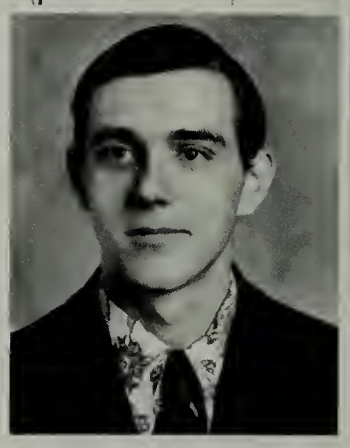


Ronnie Lee Tucker: Spanish Club
Shelia Lucille Tucker: Pep Club, SCA Representative, JV Cheerleader, Spanish Club, Play Productions, Drama Club President

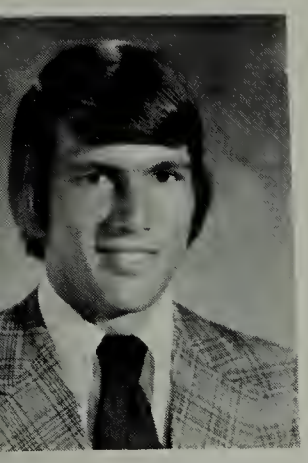
Wanda Denise Tucker: NHS
Brenda Marie Tuggle: Pep Club, Star, Haliscope, FBLA, Dragster's and Safety Club



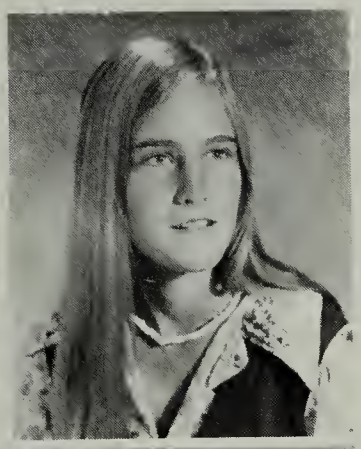
Riley Tune: Pep Club, Dragster's Club
Barbara Leigh Vaughan: Glee Club, VICA Club Secretary, VICA Girl Student of the Year
Cecil Nathaniel Vaughan, Jr.
Tina Renee Vaughan: FHA



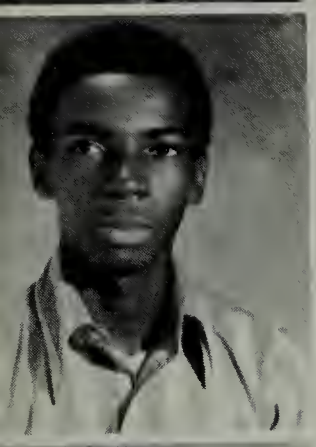
William Joseph Vaughan, Jr.: Latin Club
Hubert Sylvester Vass
Jaqueline Ann Venable: FBLA, Music Society, Drama Club, Band, Spanish Club
Phoebea Ann Venable: Pep Club, Homeroom Officer



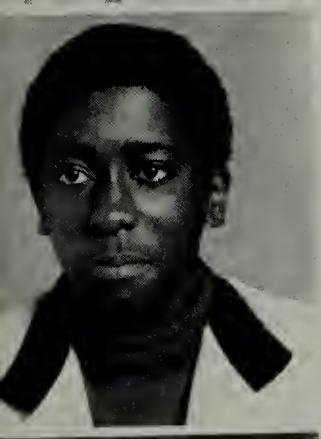
Danny Ray Wagstaff
William David Walker: Dragster's and Safety Club, Pep Club, Bus Driver
Charlotte Ann Waller: Latin Club, Bus Driver
Lisa Kaye Waller: Latin Club, Medical Explorers



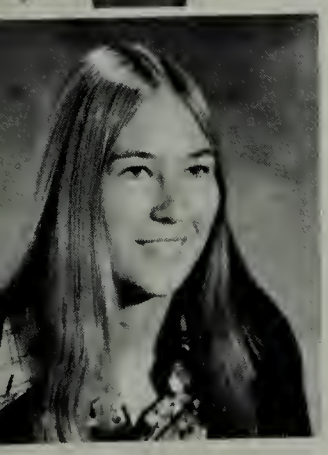
Lorenza Michael Waller
Deborah Lynn Wallwork: Spanish Club, JV Cheerleader, Pep Club, Basketball, NHS, Latin Club, Art Club, Track, SCA



Joseph Albert Walton
Patricia Lynn Walton: HERO, Pep Club, SCA Represntative

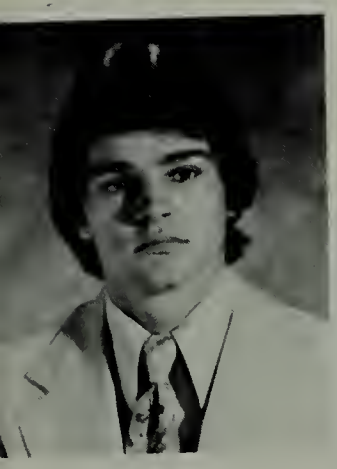


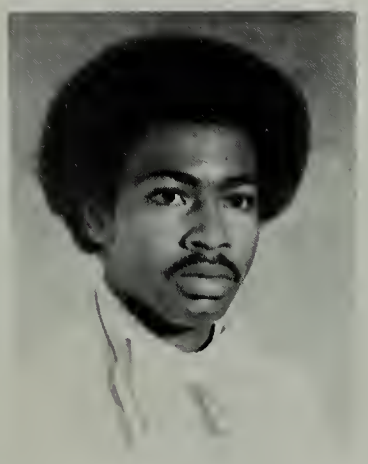
Michael Warren Watkins
Roland Bernard Watkins, Jr.: DECA



Annette Delaine Watts: Spanish Club, Basketball, Tennis, SCA Representative
Annette Watts

Super Comet. Carlos Coleman performs one of his duties as the Comet mascot by helping the girls cheer at a fall pep rally. Carlos turned his job over to gymnast Buster Butler during basketball season.





George Michael Wazeka: Dragster's Club, Baseball, Pep Club
Donald Wayne Weatherford
Terri Susan Weaver: Tennis, Volleyball, Spanish Club
Lofonza Odell West: Pep Club

Sharon Inez White: Pep Club, FHA Club, FBLA Club
Brenda Kay Whitt
Janet Lee Whitt: HERO
Douglas Ray Whitt

Tony Lynn Wilborn
Charlene Doretha Wilborne: FHA, Homeroom Officer, Pep Club, SCA Representative
Johnnie Alan Wilkerson
Melanie Wilkerson: French Club, Merit Commended Student

Artists and introverts

On Class Day 1976 the true colors of the students shone forth as many of them were recognized for their outstanding qualities and achievements.

Talkative intellectuals, top artists and quiet introverts each had a chance to grab the spotlight for his moment of glory as the department awards and scholarships were presented.

"Star" and "Galaxy" editor Becky Riddle received the News and Record Journalism Award whereas in the Foreign Language Department each of the clubs honored its top students: Darlene Carr, Latin; Dianne Hill, French; Becky Riddle and Karen Shelton, Spanish.

The Art Department recognized Robin Harrison for her excellent work while Scott Miller won the history trophy and Drew Johnson captured the science award.

Other department and club awards were presented to deserving students including Mary Seamster, drama; James Reese, Star Farmer; Grace Simmons, bus driver award and Kathryn Moorefield and Sheryle Smith, FTA Award.

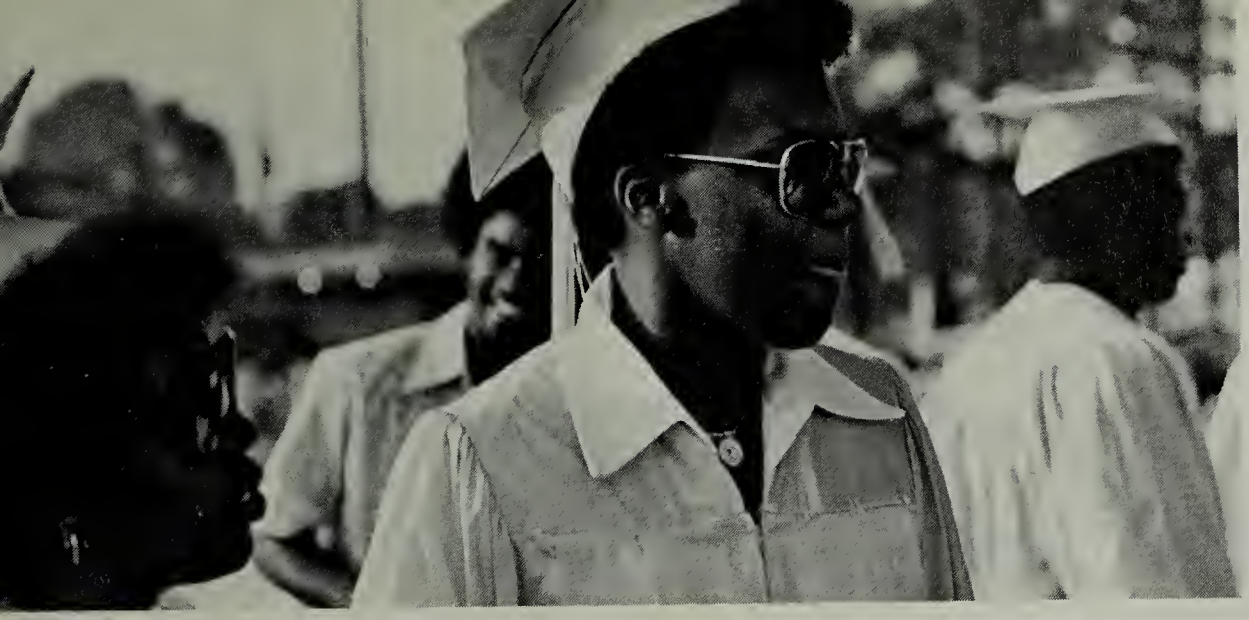
Nancy Andrews won the FHA Award while Nettie Simon, Patricia Walton and Martha Martin were recognized by the Occupational Home Economics Department.

Also, Robin Coon received an award from the Business and Professional Women's Club and Delta Kappa Gamma honored Karen Shelton.

Recipients of the Virginia Tompkin McLaughlin Scholarship included Susan Pruett, Beverly Reaves, Charlene Wilborn and Susan Solomon. In addition, Joyce Dixon received The Garland W. Lacks, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

Janice Marlene Wilkins
Sue Byerly Wilkins: Spanish Club Treasurer, Star, Haliscope, Art Club
George Lee Wilkinson, Jr.: Latin Club, JV, Varsity Basketball, Medical Explorers
Charvester Williams

Deborah Darlene Williams
Susan Guill Williams: NHS
Virginia Ann Williams
Susan Diane Williamson: Sophomore Reporter, SCA Representative, Spanish Honor Society, Spanish Club, NHS, FBLA, Comette Co-head, Pep Club, Drama Club, Medical Explorers



Last look. Melba Delaware and Diane Banks take one last look around the school before they join their classmates in the line forming for the Graduation Night processional.

Mary Jane Wilmoth: FTA
Carolyn Shortt Wilson: DECA
Kathryn Ruth Wilson: SCA Representative, Homeroom Officer, Latin Club President, NHS, Medical Explorers
Charles Wayne Wimbish: FFA, Boys' Physical Fitness

Chelyan Denise Womack: Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Medical Careers Club, Treasurer and Vice-president; NHS, Homeroom Officer
Cynthia Gale Womack: Group Guidance, Pep Club
Corkie Levon Womack: P.E. Club, Pep Club
Deborah Jean Womack: Spanish Club, Drama Club, Chess Club, JV, Varsity Cheerleading, Homeroom Officer, Star, Haliscope, GAA, Gymnastics

Denise Marcia Womack: Basketball, SCA, Pep Club
Joseph Gary Womack: DECA
Patricia Ellen Woody
Alice Clay Wright

Cynthia Delores Wyatt: Spanish Club, Pep Club, SCA
Eugene Sylvester Wyatt: Latin Club, Indoor Track, FFA, Outdoor Track
Faye Kathleen Wyche: Pep Club
Donna Rosemary Yancey: SCA Reporter, Band, JV Cheerleader Co-captain

Tammie Wynette Yancey
Mark Edwin Yates: Spanish Honor Society, NHS, Spanish Club, SCA Representative, Junior Marshal Indoor Track, Baseball Co-captain
Harry L. Yeaman, Jr.: P.E. Club, FFA, Dragster's Club
Donald Eric Yeatts: NHS President, SCA Representative, Medical Explorers President, Hi-Y President, Spanish Club, Science Club, Spanish Honor Society, Tennis, Junior Marshal, Boys' State, SCA Vice-President

No leftover musicians

Junior officers. Class leaders are **(seated)** Pam Tucker, secretary; Ann Gordon, treasurer; Sheila Morton, vice-president; **(standing)** Scott Worsham, reporter; Sandy Crouch, president and Forrest Nichols, sergeant-at-arms.

Let's face it. Class officers don't have much to do. Write a campaign speech, paint a few posters, smile a lot during election week and that's just about it. Right?

Wrong, if you happened to be junior class officers. There was the prom to contend with.

Planning for the big event began in the fall with the selection of the theme and the booking of a band. The latter had to be done early. Nobody wanted to be stuck with leftover musicians.

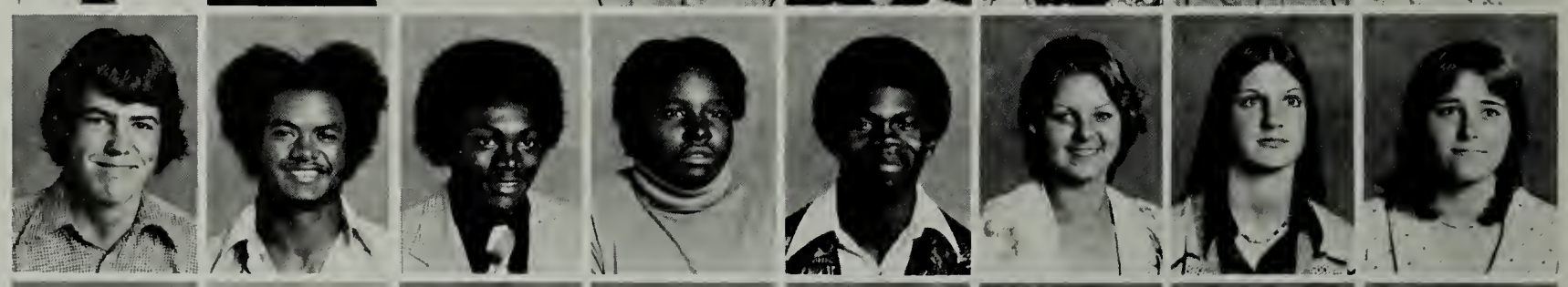
A professional decorator did the gym but the officers and their classmates decked the lobby in red, white and blue streamers.

On the afternoon of the prom, finishing touches were added during fifth and sixth periods, classes were forgotten and the juniors examined their work. It was finished and they knew in their hearts it was the best ever.

James Abbott
Barbara Adams
Curtis Adams
Elizabeth Adams
Timothy Adams

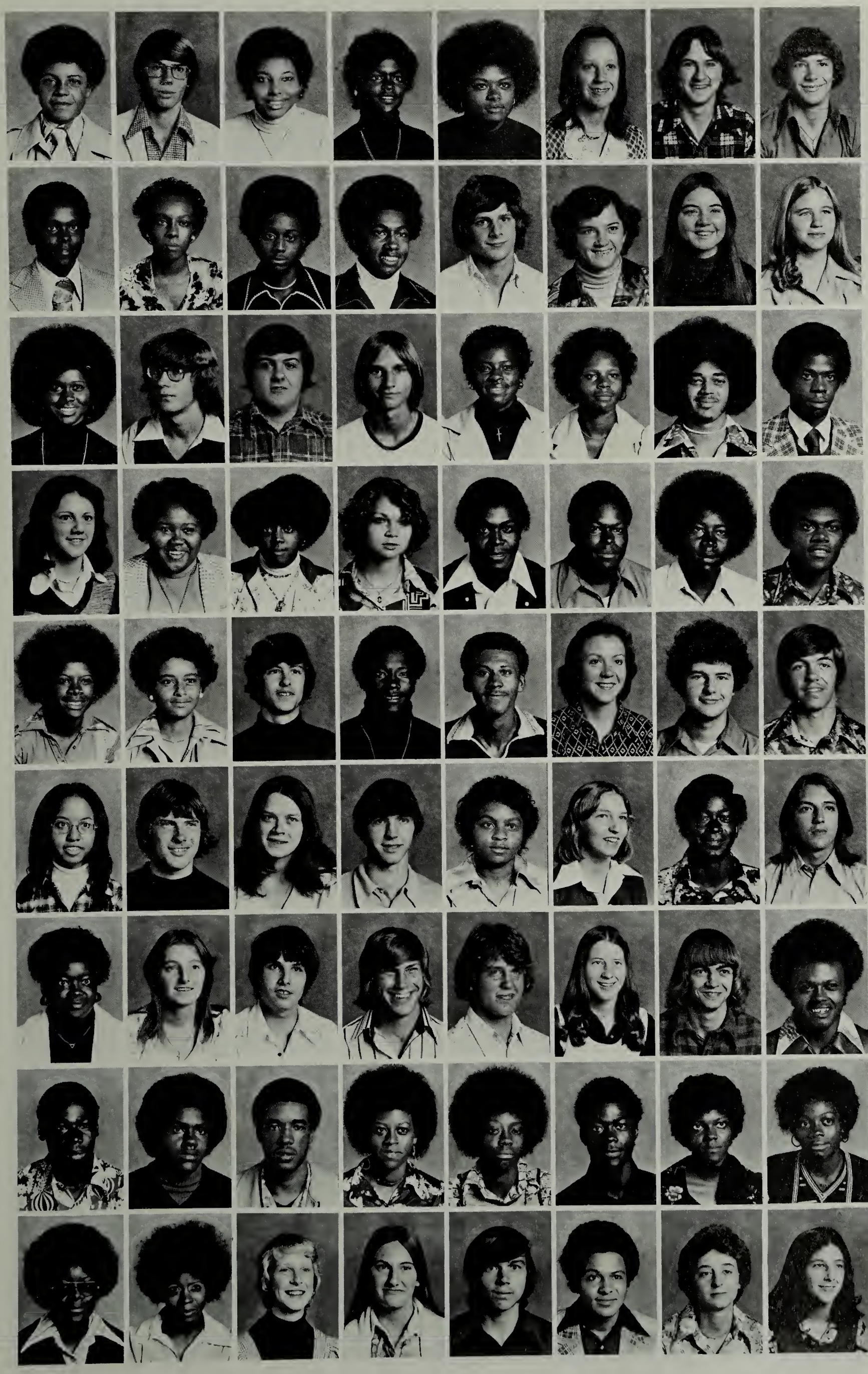
Mark Adkins
Judy Allen
Anthony Anderson
Kenneth Armistead
Darryl Bailey
James Ballou
Michael Bandy
Dan Barden

Darryl Barker
Eddie Barksdale
Harvey Barksdale
Jesse Barksdale
Daniel Barnett
Beverly Beck
Heidi Benner
Jerrie Beverley



Susan Billingslea
Romona Black
Mary Blanks
David Booker
Connie Bowen
Deborah Bowen
Ronnie Bowen
Debbie Bowman

Della Bowman
Garrie Bowman
Wilhemina Boxley
Clarence Boyd
Ruby Boyd
John Bradbury
Kenneth Brame
Brenda Brandon



Drake Brandon
Edward Brandon
Frances Brandon
Janice Brandon
Vanessa Brandon
Cindy Breedlove
Danny Brizendine
Ricky Brogden

Gregory Brooks
Shirley Brooks
Fredrick Brown
Randy Brown
Terry Burkholder
Jeffrey Burnette
Jill Burnette
Barbara Burton

Lucille Buster
John Cabaniss
Joe Cacciotti
Timmy Canada
Evelyn Carden
Michele Carden
Stanley Carden
Terry Carden

Nancy Cardwell
Brenda Carr
Audrey Carrington
Darla Carrington
Edward Carrington
James Carrington
Andrew Carter
Leon Carter

Arlene Chambers
Barbara Chandler
Aubrey Chappell
James Chappell
Linwood Chappell
Peggy Chappell
Michael Childrey
Chuck Church

Debbie Clark
Mark Clark
Rita Clark
Otie Clark
Savannah Clark
Treva Clark
Jerome Clauden
Danny Clay

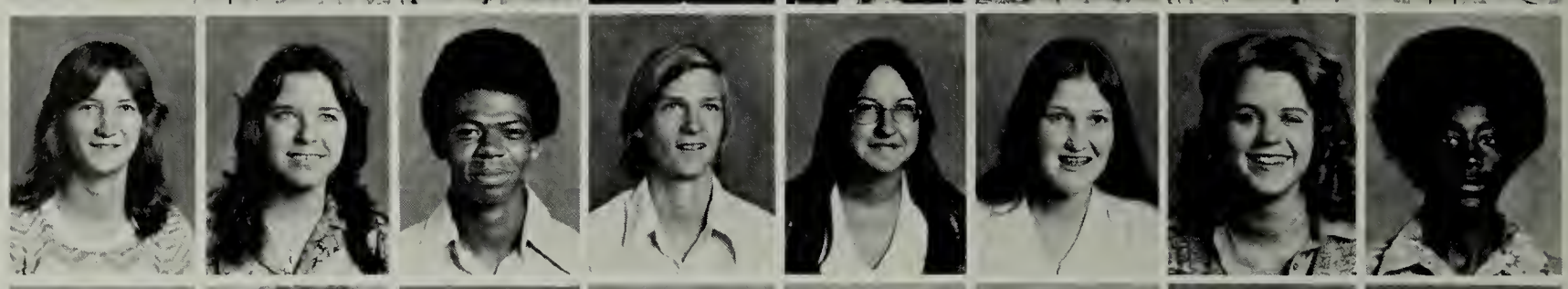
Rosa Clay
Wanda Clay
George Cole
Joey Cole
Michael Cole
Pamela Cole
Terry Cole
Alfrederick Coleman

Alvin Coleman
Bernard Coleman
Curtis Coleman
Edna Coleman
Johnnie Coleman
Lewis Coleman
Linda Coleman
Rosa Coleman

Sarah Coleman
Virginia Coles
Cathy Collins
Bonnie Conner
Mitch Conner
Leonard Cooper
Helen Craig
Charlotte Crews

Gayle Crews
Sandy Crouch
Mike D'Agata
Thomas Daniel
Christine Davis
Greg Davis
Kathy Davis
Nina Davis

Sally Davis
Sheila Davis
Stanley Davis
William Davis
Mickie Dawson
Nancy Dawson
Eva Dillard
Curtis Dismuke



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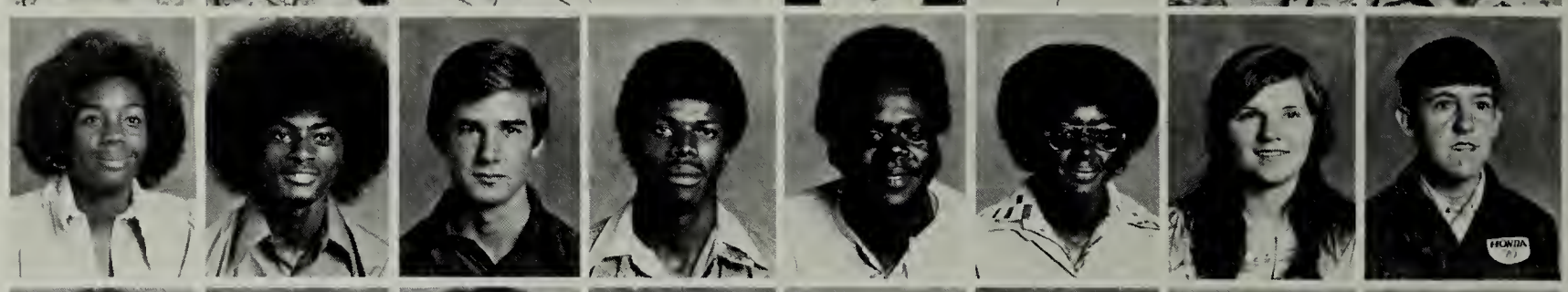
Jacqueline Drumwright
Barbara Duffer
Jimmy Duffer



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Elizabeth Dunn
William Dunn
Janet Eanes
Sandra Easley
Daniel Edmonds
Debra Edmondson
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Hugh Edmondson
Ann Edmunds
Sterling Edmunds
Donna Elliott
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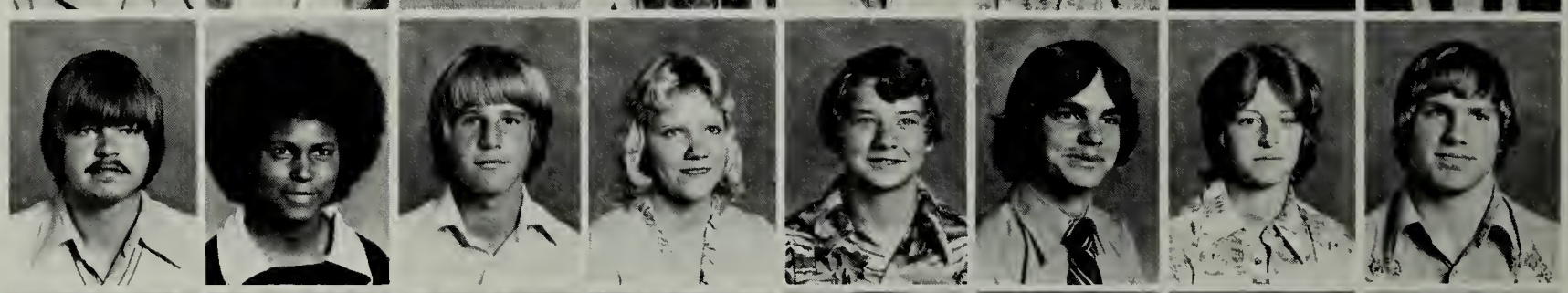
Joe Exum
Patricia Farmer
Jimmy Farrington



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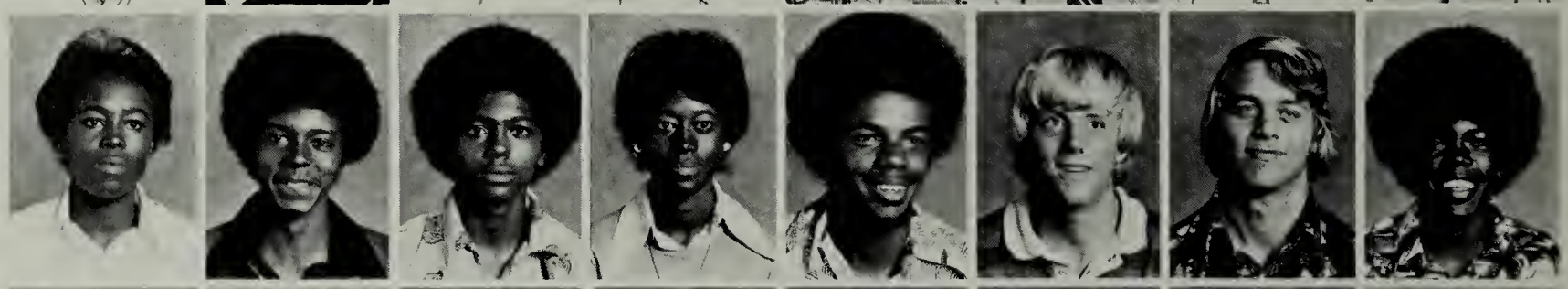

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James Fisher
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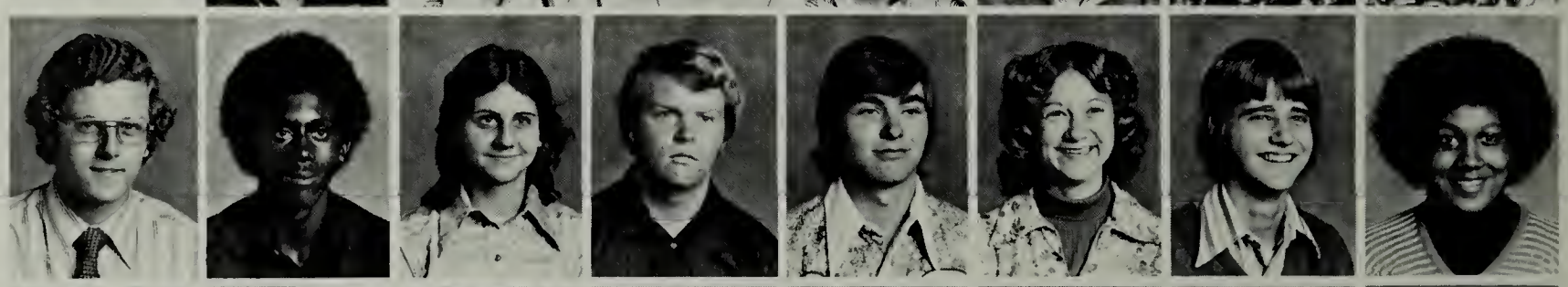
Kevin Fitz
Cornelia Fitzgerald



Linda Fletcher
Patty Ford
Donna Forlines
Kimberly Fowler
Bonnie Francis
David Francis
Loretha Fuller
Sarah Fuller

Arnetta Furges
Deborah Garland
John Garland
Betty Garrett
Brenda Giggetts
Annette Glass
Geneva Glass
Joseph Glass

Piggy-back ride. Pam Cole carries a Special Olympics participant from one event to another. Juniors helped supervise during the two-day olympics.

Needed assistance

"It would have been almost impossible to have had the Special Olympics without the help of the Spanish and Latin clubs," said Miss Suzanne Creasy, special education teacher and one of the local organizers of the olympics.

That statement made some juniors proud for they were the Spanish and Latin club volunteers who guided and supervised the competitors in the special games.

Participants in the two-day track and field events were students from special education classes in the area. Winners here went on to the regional and state finals.

Ronald Glascock
Ronald Glenn
Samuel Goode
Anne Gordon
Alphonso Grant
Debbie Graves
Jimmy Gravitt
Beverly Green

David Green
Gregory Green
Elizabeth Greer
Delores Gregory
Larry Griffin
Jo Ann Guill
Wanda Guill
Beth Guthrie

David Guthrie
Donna Guthrie
Tony Guthrie
Elma Guy
Tim Hackney
Janet Hailey
Shelby Hamilton
Danny Hamm

Jeanette Hammock
Linda Hankins
Denise Hardie
Frankie Harper
Debra Harris
Donna Harris
Ronald Harris
Aileen Harrison

Debbie Harrison
Eddie Hatcher
Helen Haymes
Polly Hickson
Harriet Hite
Riley Hite
Wayne Hodnett
Marilyn Holland

Mike Huckaby
Donnie Hudson
John Hudson
Floyd Hughes
Rosetta Hughes
Woodson Hughes

Brenda Hunter
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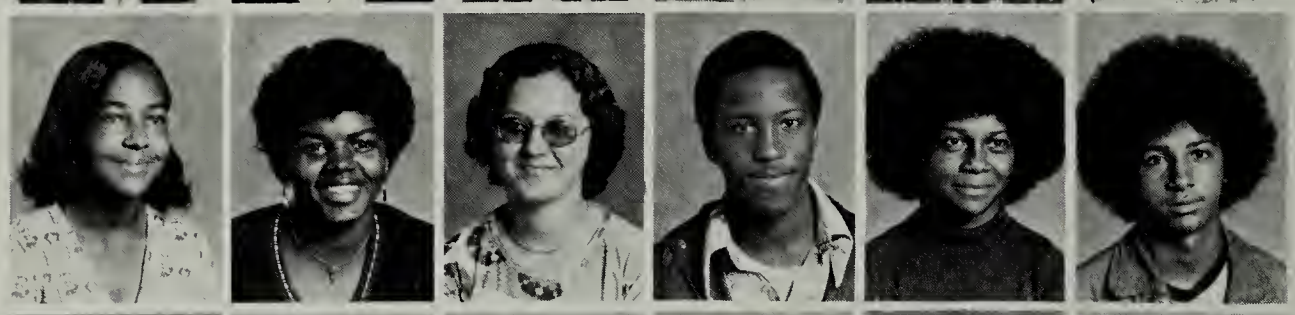

Joey Johnson
Carolyn Jones
George Jones
Marshall Jones
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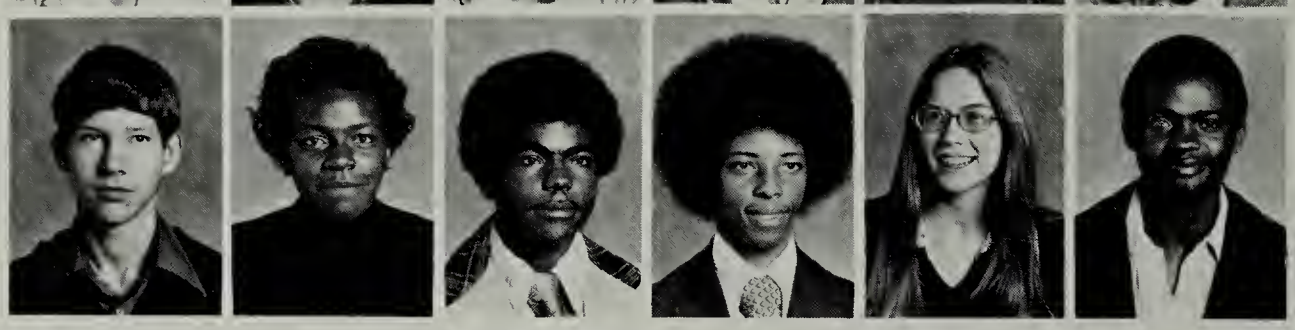
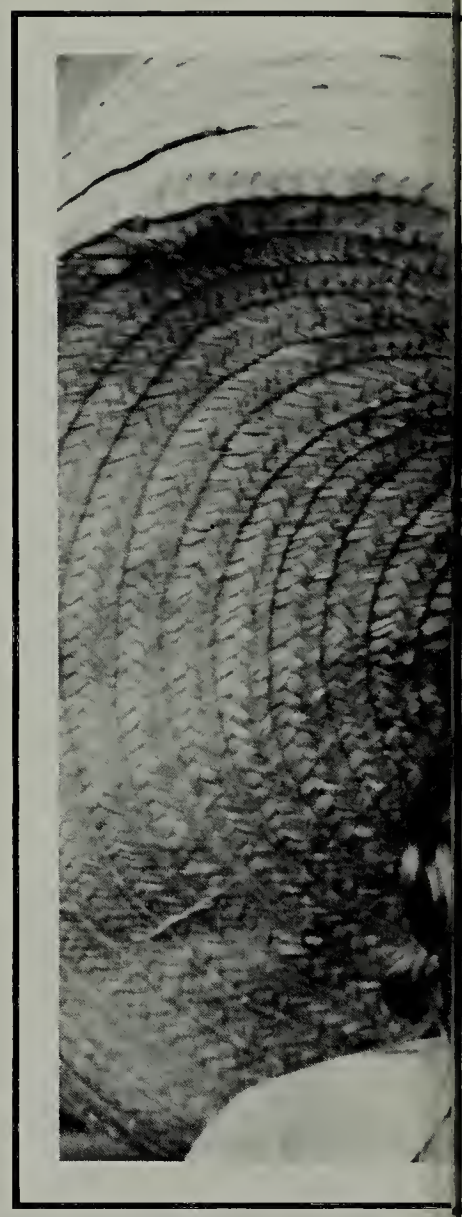
Tyrone Jones





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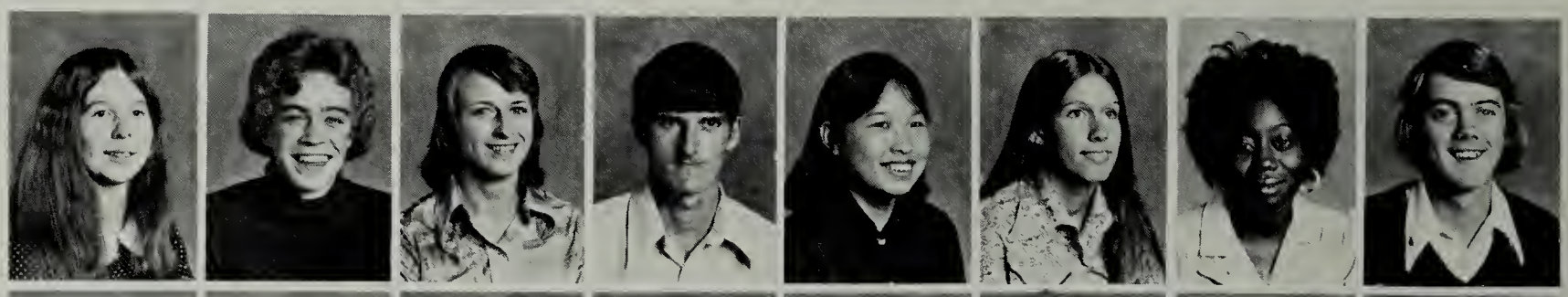

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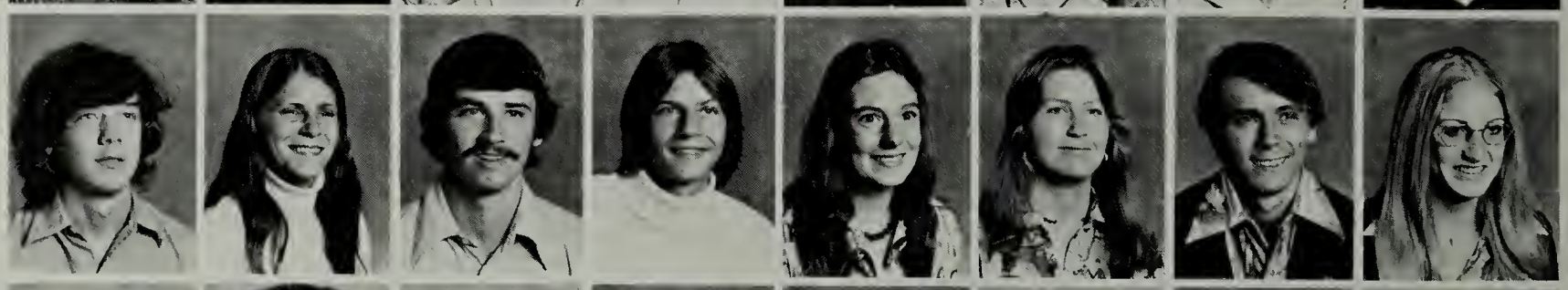

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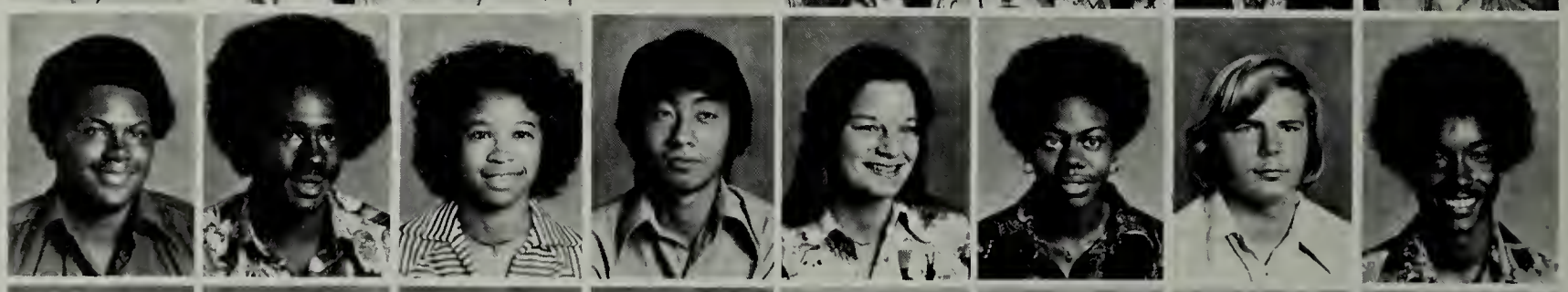

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Jackie Long
Pete Lovelace
Shelia Lovelace
Wayne Mabins
Barbara Majors
Maurice Marable

Florida souvenir. That mammoth hat, Kathy Langston purchased on the band's trip to Walt Disney World where they played for the "America on Parade" series.

Poster winner

A "jack-of-all-trades" is a person who excels in a variety of things. One such "jack-of-all-trades," or in this case "jacqueline," is Kathy Langston: artist, musician and gymnast.

Kathy was a winner of the statewide Keep Virginia Green Poster Contest. Her entry, one of 17,000, won third place and a prize of $100.

Kathy's winning poster "had a lot of symbolism in it." It was framed by trees on each side, which met at the bottom. In the center was a forestry scene and the words "Forestry Means the Future." Kathy said, "The hardest part was thinking up the idea."

Virginia Forests, Inc. kept the poster and it will be used on book covers. Kathy said, "I wouldn't be surprised if I saw it again somewhere."

Another of Kathy's interests is music. She plays the clarinet in the band and she also plays alto clarinet and symphony orchestra bells.

Kathy is a hard-working gymnast. She has been on the gymnastics team for two years and she specializes on the balance beam and floor exercises. She likes the sport because "it's good for your body and it's fun." Kathy was injured at the beginning of the season but she came to one meet on crutches and competed anyway.

Albert Martin
Brenda McCraw
Vanessa Miles
Kathy Moorefield

Jeffrey Martin
Ronald McKinney
Deborah Miller
Dan Monette

Jenny Martin
Steve Meadows
Gail Miller
Jenny Morgan

Kenneth Martin
Cal Medley
Debbie Mize
Ralph Morgan

Jay Matthews
Larry Medley
Kelly Moore
Angela Morris

Tommy Mays
Patricia Medley
Roger Moore
Freida Morris

Mona Morris
Ronald Morris

Sheila Morton
John Mosier

Gloria Mosley
Earl Moss

John Murphy
Shelia Norwood
Elizabeth Osborne

Martha Murphy
Troy Norwood
Anthony Overton

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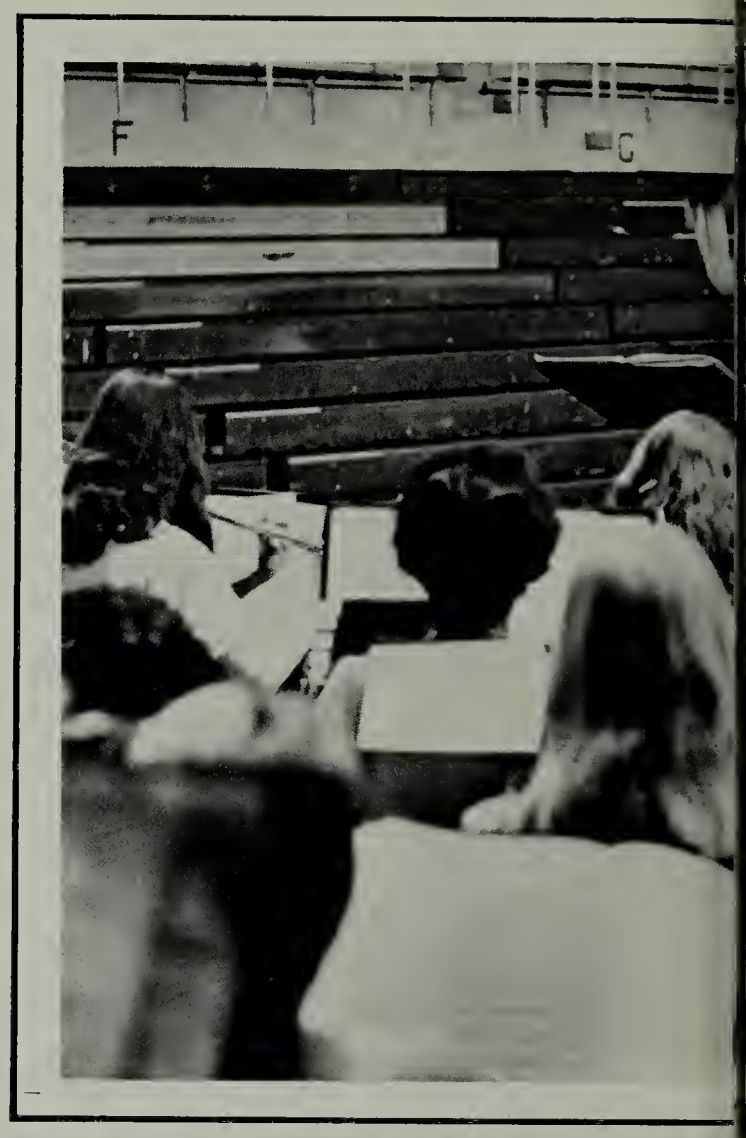

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Sammy Poole
Anthony Powell
Marshello Powell
Wayne Powell

Charles Pruitt
Jeffrey Pruitt
Les Puckett
Leeland Pugh .
Henry Puryear
Kim Puryear
John Quarles
David Ragsdale

Lillian Reamer
Cathy Redd
Teresa Redd
Billy Rice
Gathan Richardson
Kim Richardson
Percy Richardson
Donald Ridgeway

Phil Rinker
Beth Roark
Lois Roberson
Gloria Roberts
William Robertson
Dawn Rogers
Rhonda Rottler
Cheryl Royster

Musician's moment. Giving a fast beat, Sarah Fuller conducts the concert band in her own composition at the spring concert.

Handel, Rossini and Fuller

Handel, Rossini and Sarah Fuller were just three composers featured at the concert band's spring concert.

Sarah who? Sarah Fuller, a junior who has been interested in music since she was in elementary school. Not only did Sarah write the composition, she also conducted the band during its performance of the first movement of the piece, "Divertimento, a suite in Three Movements for Concert Band."

Two year's work by Sarah on the composition paid off handsomely as Mr. Robert Wall, band director, called it "an excellent student work."

Hoping to make music a career, Sarah has written compositions for band, choral groups and small ensembles.

Chuck Russell
Gail Satterfield
Sharon Satterfield
Susan Satterfield
Jimmie Saunders
Joy Saunders
Phillip Saunders
Patty Scheier

Jerry Seamster
Joe Seigler
Juanita Senior
Chuck Shealy
Craddock Shields
Mark Short
Loretta Sims
Mathew Skerl

Emmett Slagle
Cynthia Slayton
Marshall Slayton
Calvin Smith
Cecil Smith
Cynthia Smith
Paul Smith
Kathy Snow

Jackie Sparks
Brenda Sparrow
Beth Spencer
Roger Stephens
Sallie Stephens
Sheila Stephens
Becky Stevens
Daniel Stevens

Karen Stevens
Eric Stewart
Doris Stovall
Giles Stovall
Vivian Stovall
Mattie Strader
Zandora Sutphin
Frank Turman

Donna Talbott
Sandy Talbott
Sherry Talbott
Claude Talley
Denise Taylor
Karen Taylor
Leon Terry
Patricia Thaxton

Emmis Thomas
Dale Thompson
Kathy Throckmorton
Kenneth Throckmorton
Wanda Throckmorton
Loretta Traynham
Marvis Trent
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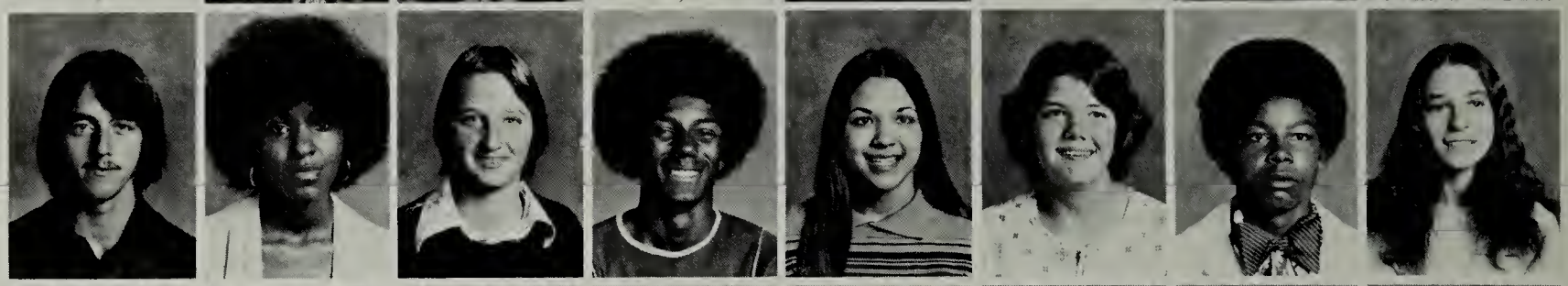

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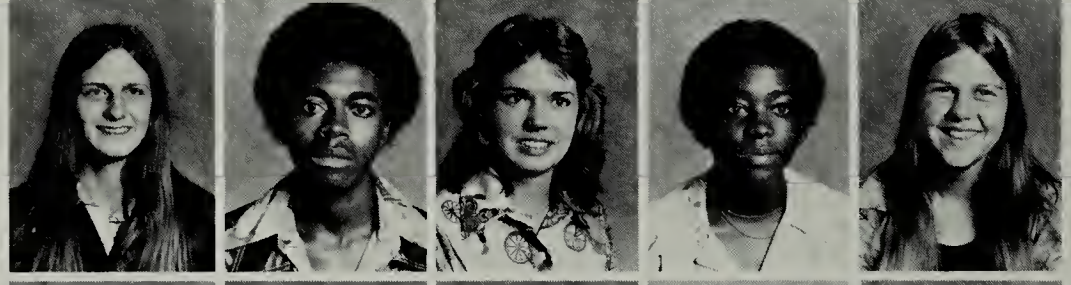
Rhonda Wazeka



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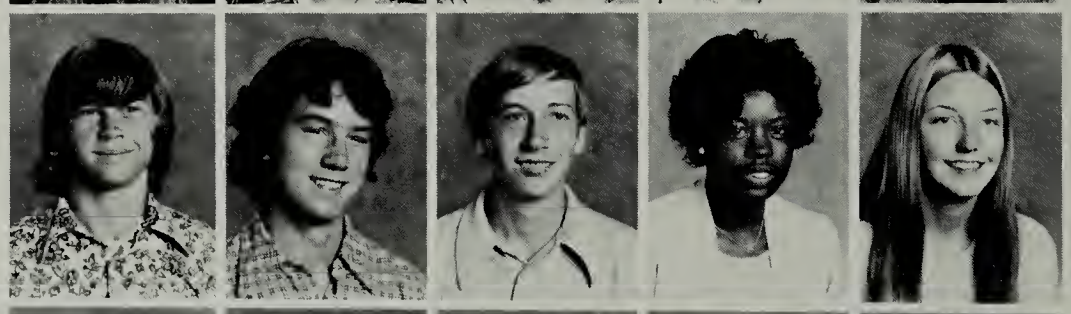

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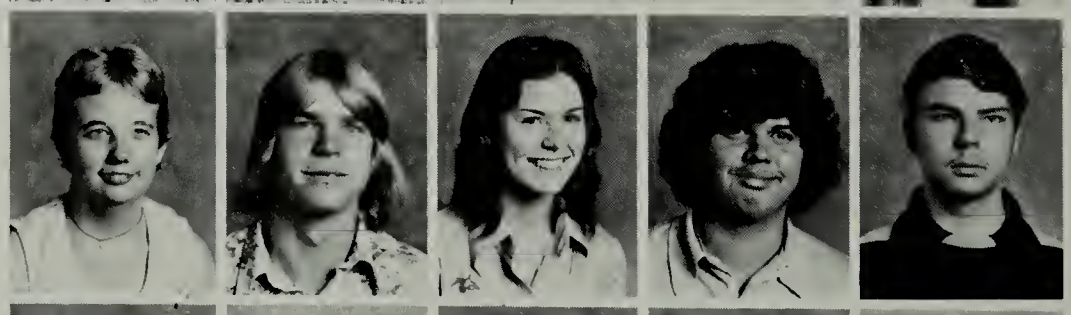

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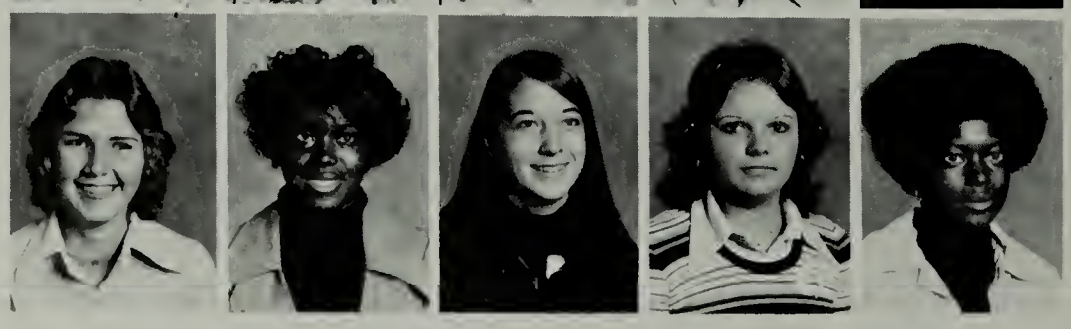

High honor. Karen Shelton pins National Honor Society membership ribbons on Beth Spencer at the spring inductions for juniors.

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Donna Williams
Joyce Williams
Olivia Williams
Patricia Williams
Sandra Williams
Judy Williamson
Larry Williamson

Christopher Wilmouth
Debra Wilmouth
Sandra Wilmoth
Timothy Wilmoth
Charlie Wilson
Cheryl Wilson
Frank Wilson
Jerry Woltz

Dean Womack
John Womack
Mike Wood
Hilda Woody
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Barry Wright
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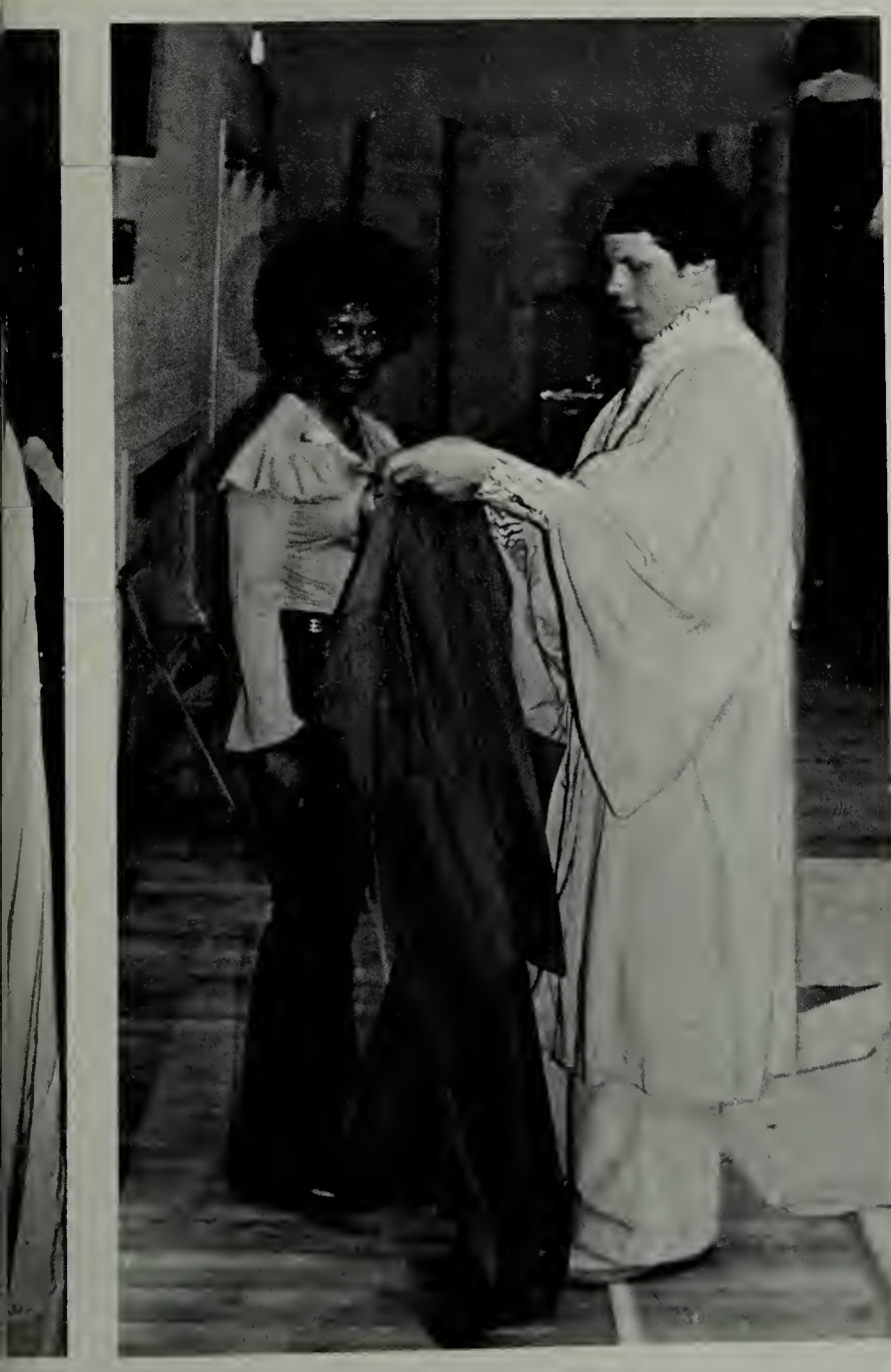


Membership wait. Frank Godbold prepares the robe for new National Honor Society member Ann Edmunds. A record 81 juniors were tapped into the society.

There stood Carlene

Membership in the National Honor Society doesn't mean the same to everyone but to me it was one of the highest honors that I could have ever received in high school.

All 81 of the new members, the largest group of inductees ever, were chosen on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

There were mixed emotions among the juniors as all hoped and wished that they would be tapped. As I sat there on the second row from the front, I watched as several of my friends were inducted. I kept hoping that I would be next. Then it happened; there stood Carlene Conner ready to pin on my ribbon. As she helped me into my robe, I was so proud and nervous it took a while to get the gown's zipper up.

We were all given the society's constitution, after which we lighted candles and repeated the honor oath.

After the assembly, we went to class proudly wearing our new ribbons for all to see.

Sophomore officers. Elected by classmates are **(seated)** Jimmy Farmer, sergeant-at-arms; Bonita Moore, secretary; Carolyn Robinson, treasurer; **(standing)** Kenneth Leggett, vice-president; Betty Barker, president and Harvey Chambers, reporter.

Campaign chores

When I was asked to run for class president, my first words were, "Who, me? I can't do that!" After I received encouraging comments from my friends, I was convinced that it might be a rewarding experience. And it was!

Staying up to the wee hours of the night constructing posters and then making the daily rounds to repair or replace them were campaign chores.

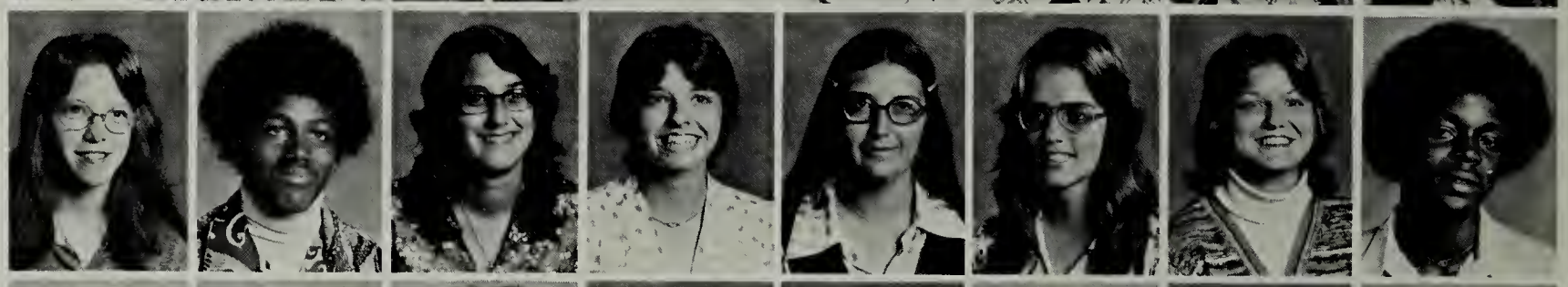
The campaign speeches were video taped and it was unusual to listen to the playback in class and try not to blush when you stuttered on camera or rustled your note cards.

When the election results were announced, I sighed, smiled and realized I was now a responsible class officer.

—Betty Barker

Fay Abbott
Sallie Adams
Wanda Adams
Earl Allen
Janice Allen
Mike Allen
William Allen
Sharon Ambrose

Brenda Anderson
Jerome Anderson
Regina Anderson
Mary Lou Andrews
Susan Arnold
Lisa Atkinson
Susan Averett
John Bailey



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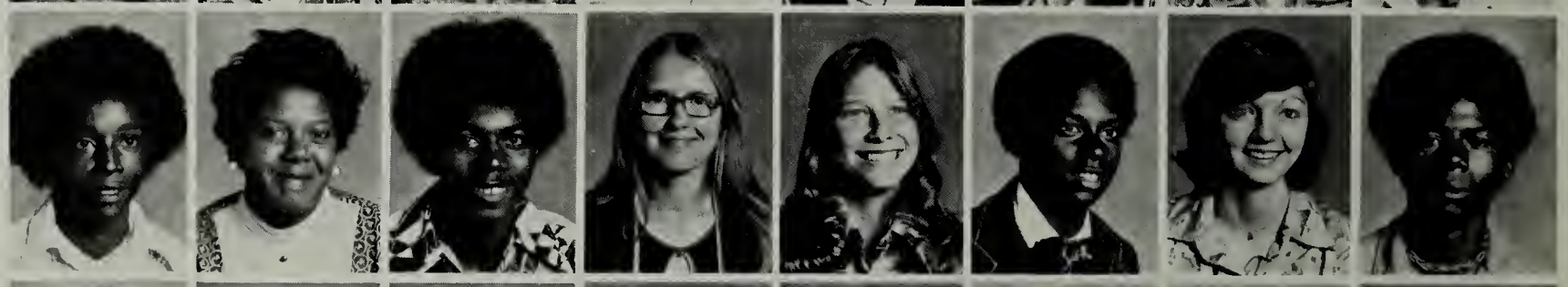

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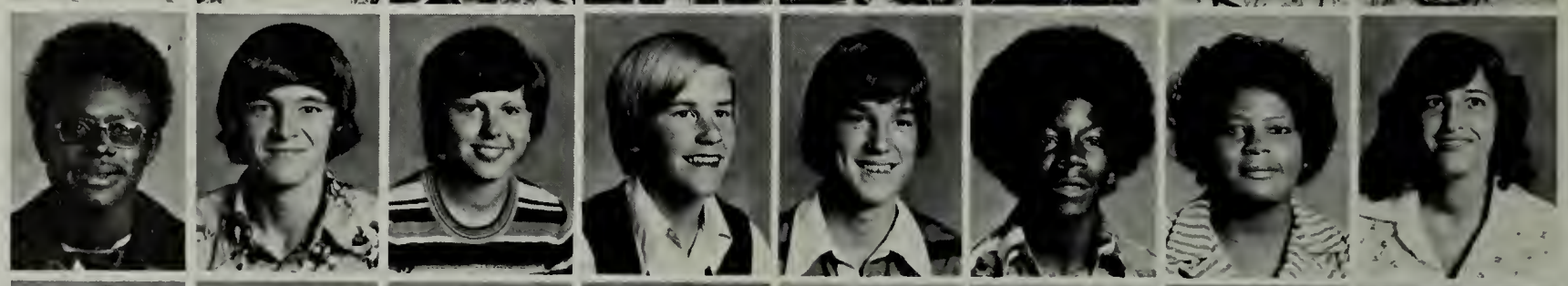

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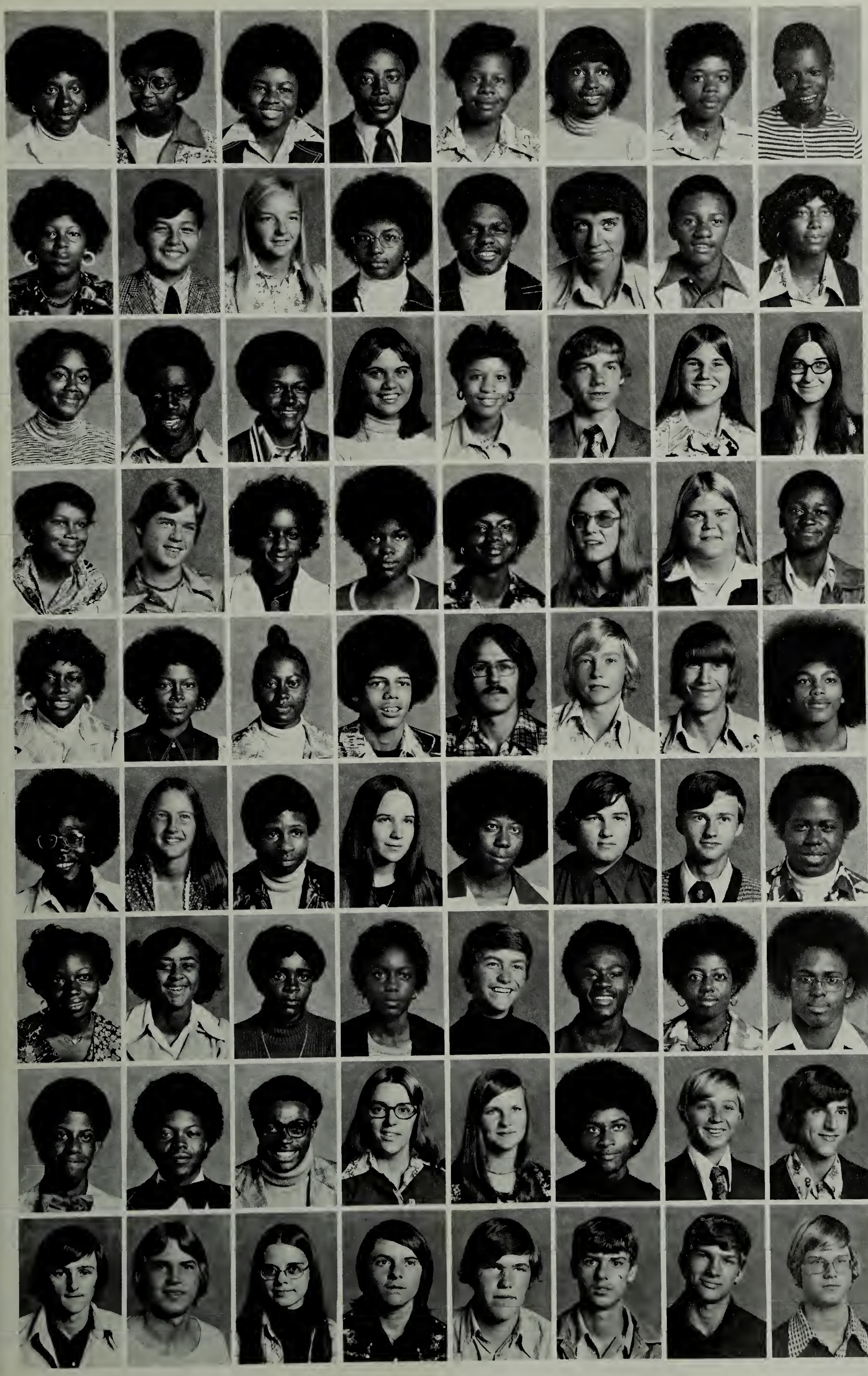

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Sherman Brooks
David Brown
Larry Brown
Preteasta Brown

Verlie Brown
Charlie Bruce
Fernandez Bruce
Jane Burnette
Dorothy Burrell
Bruce Butler
Lisa Byerly
Debra Byers

Faith Byrd
Fielding Cage
Teresa Cage
Sandra Calloway
Stella Calloway
Andrea Camp
Sandy Campbell
Clarence Canada

Connie Canada
Gail Canada
Jo Ann Carden
Sterling Carden
Kevin Carper
Andrew Carter
Bert Carr
Eva Carr

Jack Carter
Patty Carter
Steve Carrington
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Phyllis Carrington
Roger Cassada
Mark Chalkley
Harvey Chambers

Lucille Chambers
Darlene Chandler
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Chris Chappell
Frederick Chappell
Rochelle Chappell
Jasper Cheeks

Calvin Cheeks
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Howard Childress
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Lisa Childrey
James Chism
Barry Clark
Timothy Clark

Marvin Clay
Tommy Clay
Kathy Clements
Tommy Coates
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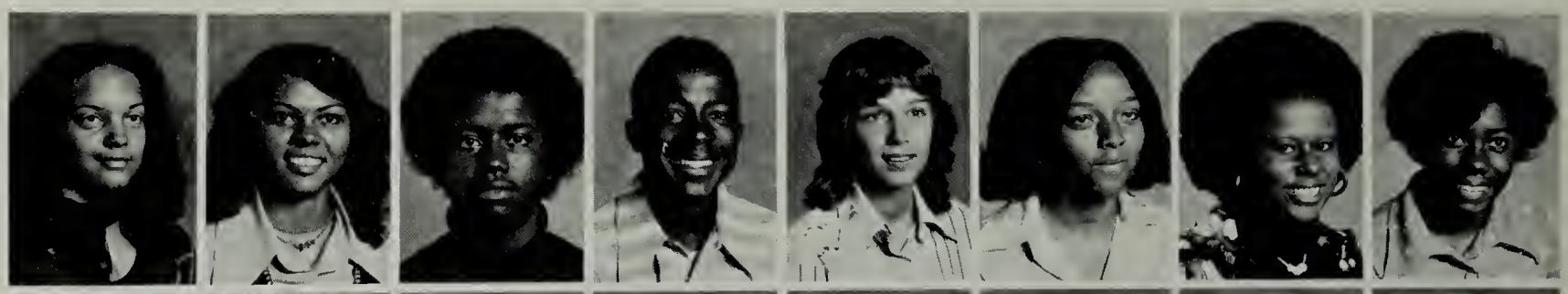

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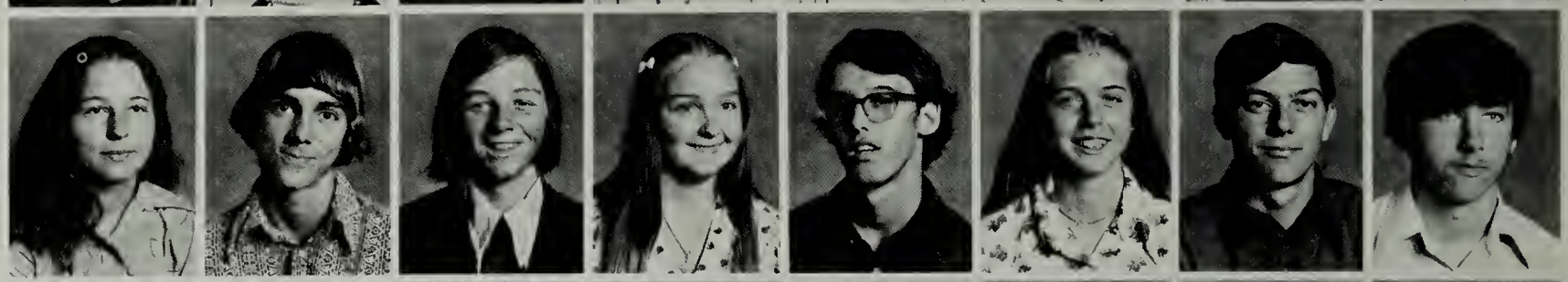

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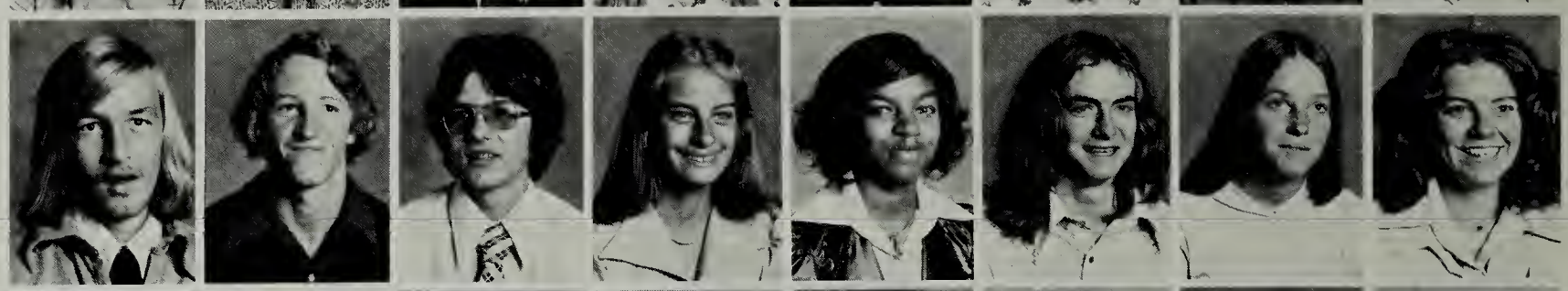

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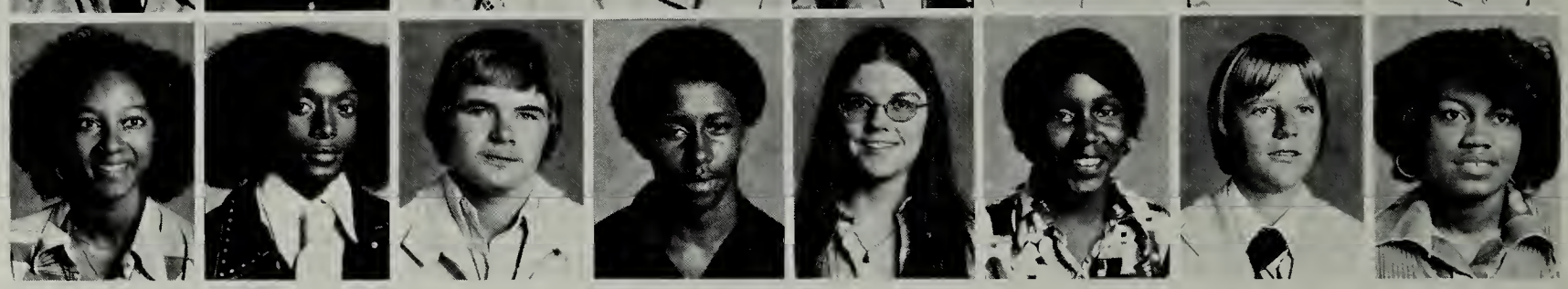

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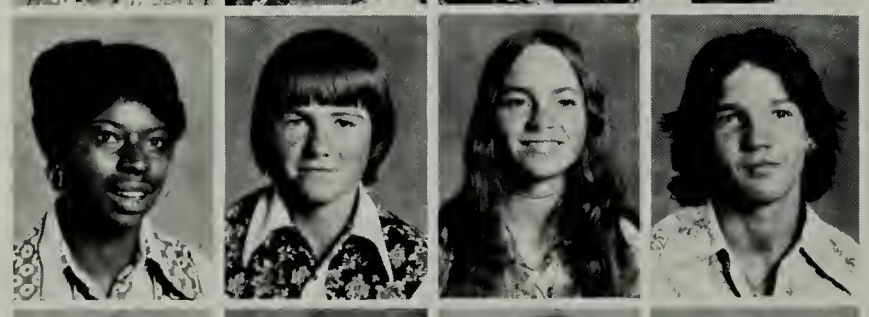

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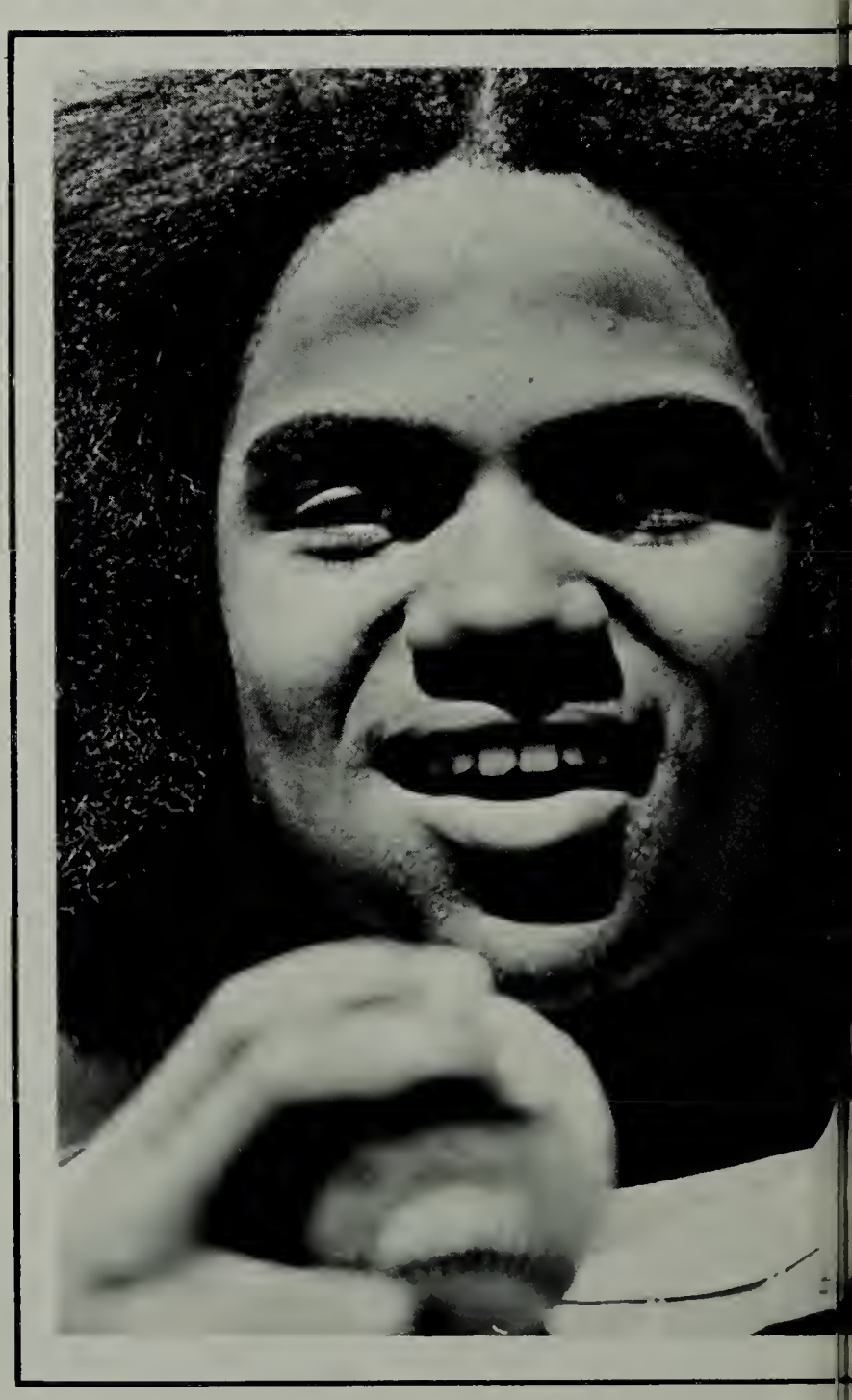

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Melva Edmondson
Keith Edmunds
Kelva Edmunds

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Cathy Epps
Michael Epps
Staley Epps
Anthony Estes
Mark Estes
Amy Evans

Fred Evans
Wanda Evans
Queen Fallen
Robert Fallen
James Farmer
Janice Farrar
Robert Farrar
Steven Farrington

Myra Faulkner
Martha Featherstone
Edward Ferrell
Bobby Fisher
Conald Fisher
James Fisher
Katherine Fisher
Lillie Foster

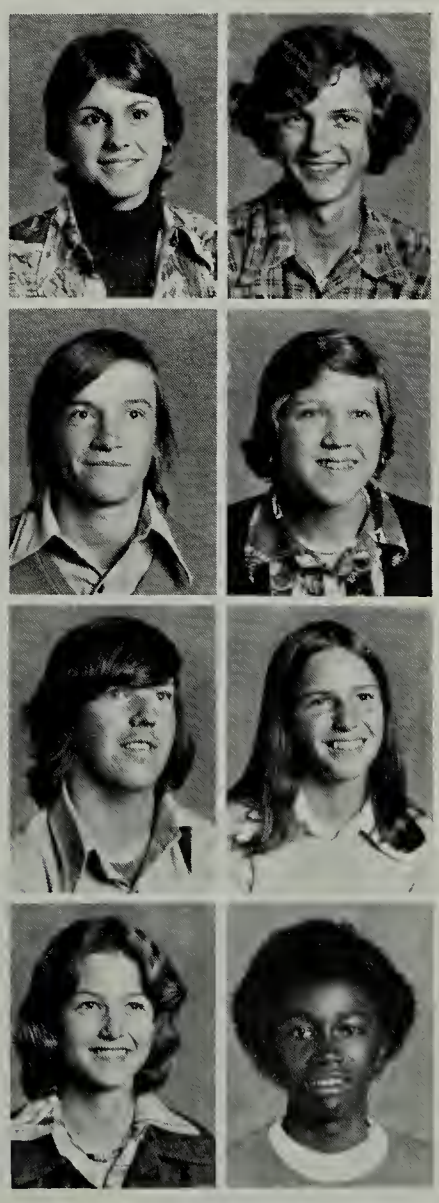
Victory smile. Kenny Villines proudly displays the last baseball he used in his no-hit victory, the first ever to be pitched by a sophomore in the school's history.

Like an old movie script

It was like an old movie script. The young pitcher — call him Kenny Villines — comes in to start his very first game for the baseball team. And he hurls a no-hit, no-run game, the first sophomore to do so in the school's history.

Only one Nottaway runner got on base in the 8-0 Halifax victory and that was by a fielder's error.

Kenny's coach, Joe Hyatt, was, of course pleased, calling any no-hit game "almost a miracle." What did Kenny think? "I was surprised, happy and thankful. I was surprised and happy that I pitched the no-hitter and thankful that the team backing me up played so well defensively. Without their help this sophomore wouldn't have done so well."



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Alan Francis

David Francis
Ellen Francis

Grady Francisca
Debra Frank

Katherine Fuller
Lawrence Fuller

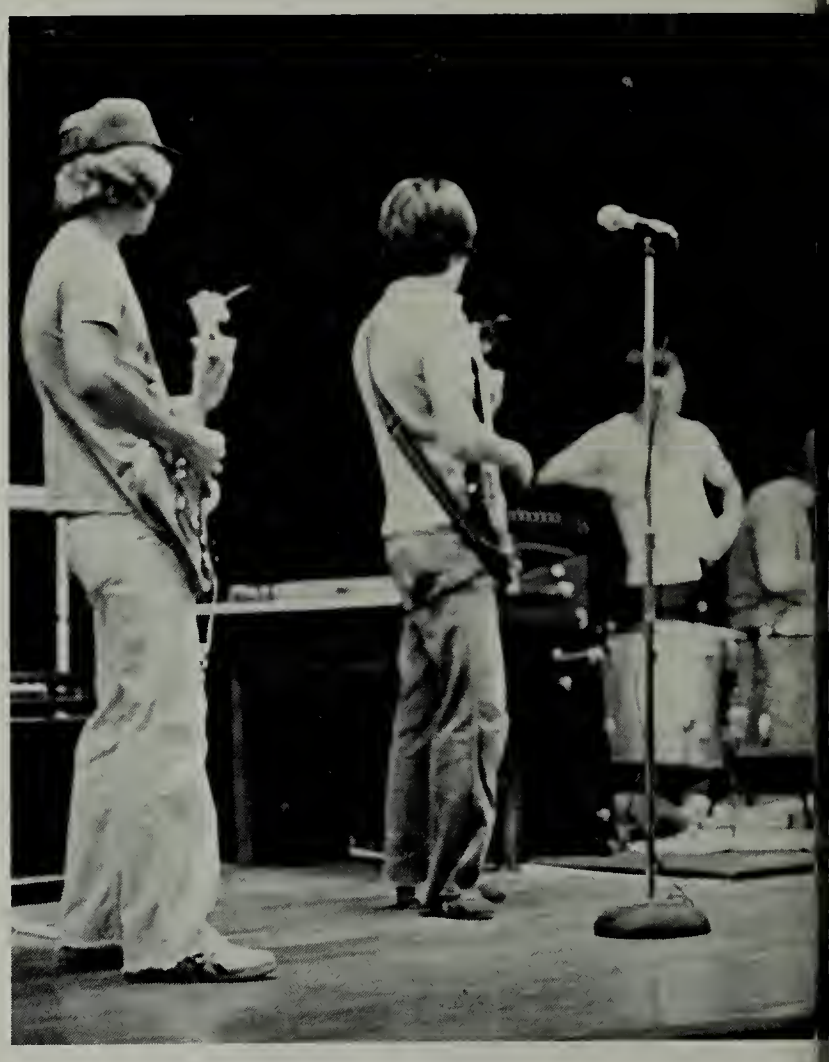
A good chance to perform

Three sophomore boys made up half of "Fantasy," one of the bands performing in the annual Talent Show. They were Gary Miklos, Fred Evans and Jerry Noblin.

"It's hard performing before your friends," guitarist and singer Jerry said, "but it was fun being in the show and it was a good chance for us to show a lot of people what we could do."

Sponsored by the Art Department, funds raised by the show were used to buy supplies for the art students.

In addition to "Fantasy," the show featured gymnasts, singers, soul bands, sketches and a fashion show staged by the clothing occupations classes of Mrs. Mildred Yancy.



Acid rock. "Fantasy" tests its sound at a Talent Show rehearsal. Band members are John Owen, Eugene Lee, Andy Hall, Gary Miklos, Fred Evans and Jerry Noblin.

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Paul Gentry
Rosa Glenn
Lachelle Goode
Dennis Goods
David Gordon
Bobby Graves

Cassie Gregory
Dianne Gregory
Dwayne Griles
Teresa Griffin
Ernest Gunter
Jerry Guthrie
Lester Guthrie
Phillip Guthrie

Stanley Guthrie
Mildred Guy
Dorothy Gwathney
Debbie Hackney
Marion Hackney
Vicky Hackney
Cheryl Haley
Annette Hall

Kathy Hall
Arlene Hamlett
Yvette Hamlett
Linda Hammock
Ronald Hammock
Carl Hankins
Donna Hardie
Carl Hargrove

Derrick Harris
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Sharon Henderson
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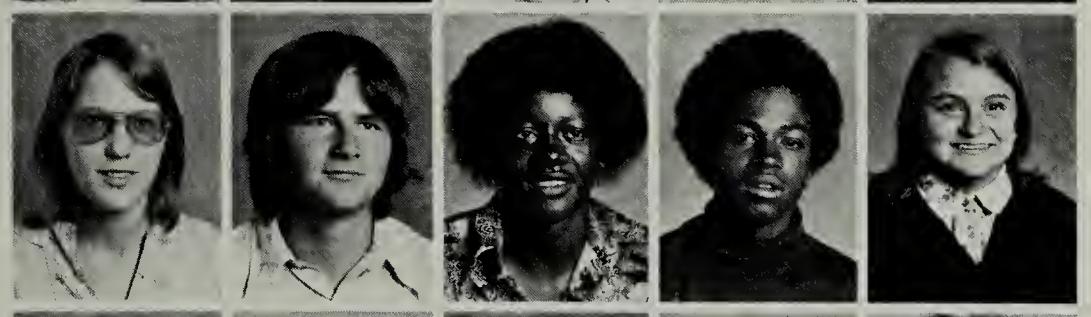
Susan Hickson



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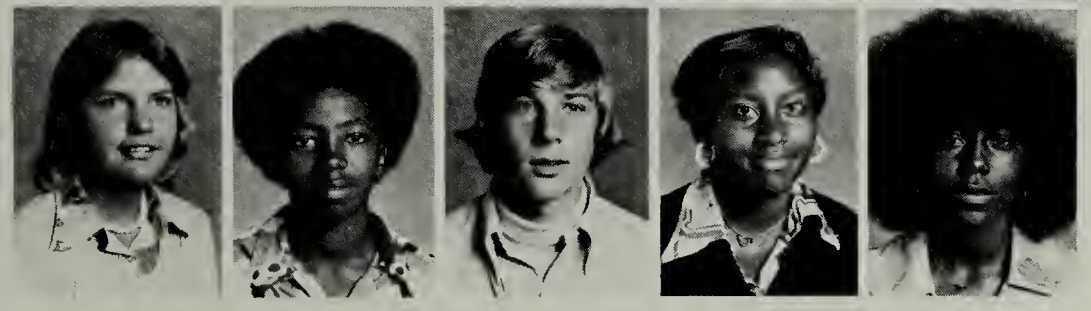

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Sandra Huckaby
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Micah Hunt

Tanya Hunt
Gary Ingram
Deborah Irby
Duane Irby
Marie Irvin
Diane Jackson
Jacquetta Jackson
Michael James

Gloria Jeffress
Dorothy Jennings
Cynthia Jones
Daisy Jones
Gary Jones
Leon Jones
Patsy Jones
Deloris Jordan

Jill Jordan
Don Joseph
Pamelia King
Betty Kirby
Linda Kirby
Gerald Lacks
Kimberly Lacy
Teresa Langford

Louis Lassiter
William Lawson
Neal Lee
Kenneth Leggett
Grover Leigh
James R. Lester
Judy Lewis
Michael Link

Angela Lipford
Marvin Lipford
Donna Lloyd
Mark Lloyd
Ricky Lloyd
Donna Loftis
Florence Logan
Gladys Logan

Larry Logan
Lisa Logan
Patricia Logan
Renita Logan
Dean Long
Earl Long
William J. Long, Jr.
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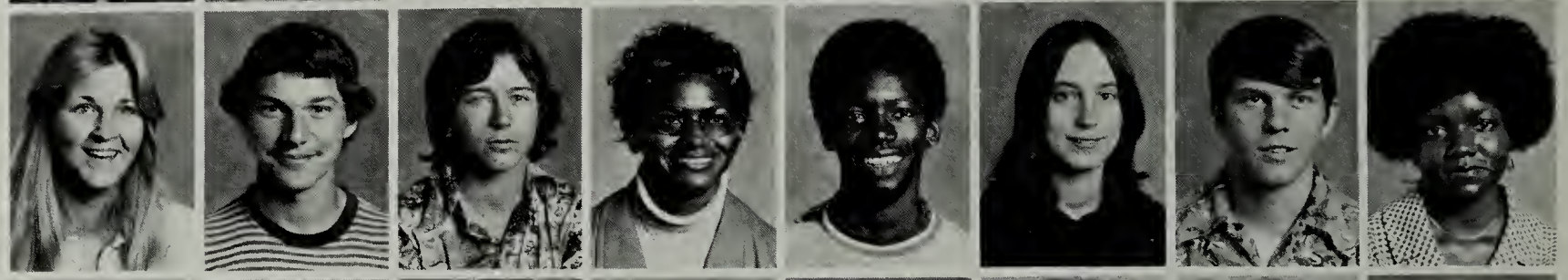

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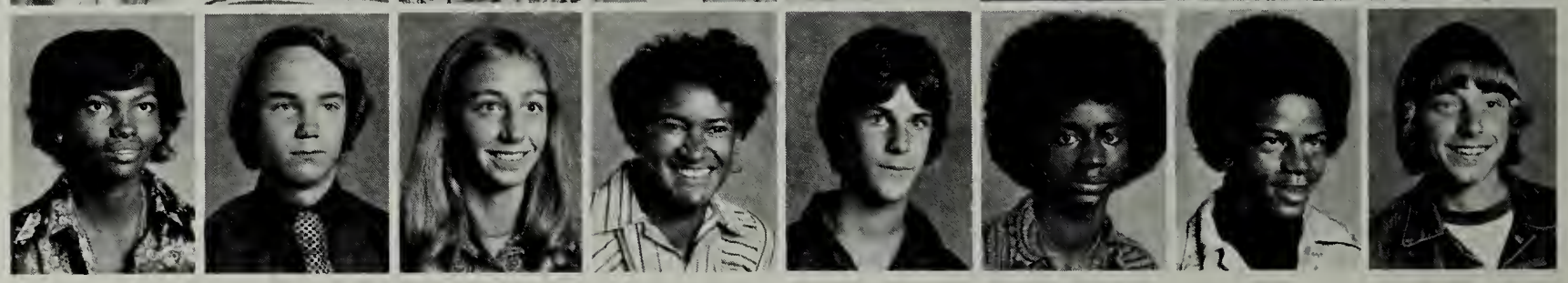

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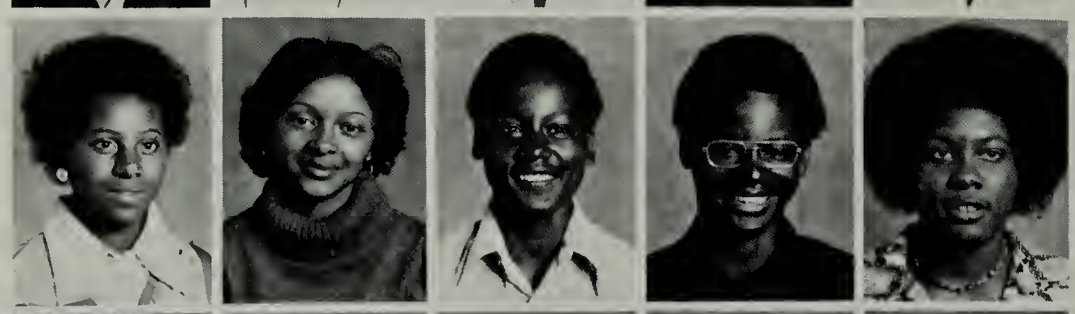

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Vernon Norfleet

Annie Overby
Anne Owen
Dale Owen
Peggy Owen
Raymond Owen
Timothy Owen
Annie Owens
Donald Palmer

Janet Pannell
Ella Patrick
Otis Patrick
Mike Patterson
Cynthia Penick
Thomas Penick
James Perkins
Janet Perkins

Shelby Pleasant
Sandra Plenty
Audria Poindexter
Marlene Poindexter
Kathy Pollard
Darryl Pool
Larry Poole
John Powell

Campaign check. Dr. Lacy Venable checks a wall chart to see how team captains Don Joseph and Fielding Cage are doing in the YMCA membership drive.

Campaign captains

Heading up the YMCA membership campaign was Dr. L. M. Venable. He was assisted by six adult teams and three youth teams, two of whom were captained by sophomores Don Joseph and Fielding Cage.

Their duties consisted of gathering membership fees and encouraging their team members to do the same. They made periodic reports to Dr. Venable on the success of the drive, which had a goal of $14,800.

"The drive was very important," Don said, "because we wanted to get as much student participation as possible in the Y's great programs."

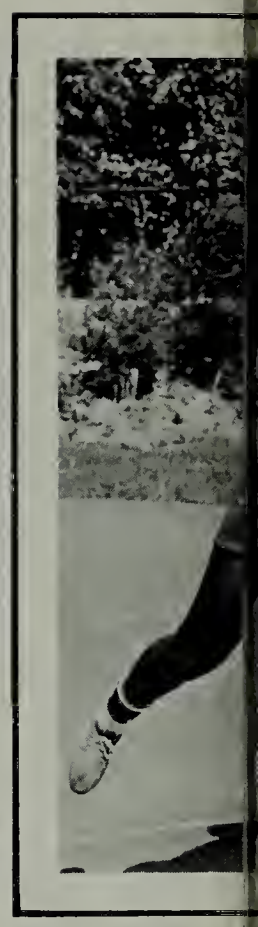
Ski trips, boating, swimming in the summer and basketball were just some of the activities students enjoyed at the local YMCA.

Timothy Powell
Debbie Prevett
Susan Puckett
Deloris Puryear
Veronna Powell
Douglas Pridgen
Thomas Pulliam
John Puryear

Cornelia Palmer
Michael Ragland
Leon Ragsdale
Phyllis Ragsdale
Lisa Ramsey
Charles Ratliff
Hurshell Ray

Edward Reagan
Terry Reagan
Shirley Reed
Donna Regar
Patrick Rhoden
Brenda Rice
Darlene Richardson

Ronald Rickman
John Ridgeway
Ronnie Ridgeway
Debra Robertson
Carolyn Robinson
Lori Rodriquez
Barbra Rose



Jerri Rose
Connie Saunders
Robert Schier
Cathy Short
William Smith

Toni Ross
Joyce Saunders
William Scott
Randall Sibley
Dennis Snead

Deborah Rowland
Mark Saunders
Susan Scribner
Daniel Sizemore
Edward Snead

Mary Royal
Randy Saunders
Albert Seamon
Sarah Slayton
Kenneth Snead

Sylvia Royal
Sarah Saunders
Daniel Seamster
Angela Smart
Lance Snead

Brenda Satterfield
Vivian Schreffler
Susan Seamster
Amy Smith
Mark Snead

Joan Satterfield
Aubrey Scott
Robert Seat
Clifton Smith
Michael Snead

Sandra Satterfield
Cheri Scott
Cheryl Shaver
Deborah Smith
Mary Spangler

Steve Satterfield
McKinley Scott
Abby Shealy
Denetra Smith
Susan Spell

Winning stretch. Setting a new school record for girls, Carolyn Robinson heaves the shot 35 ft., 3/4 inches.

A late starting record breaker

Carolyn Robinson is a record breaker, even though she is a late starter.

The sophomore track star missed the first two meets but in the last two, she broke the school's record in the shot put event. In the last meet of the regular season she set a mark of 35 ft., 3/4 inches, breaking the school record she had set in the previous meet.

Carolyn was also the only girl on the team to go to the regional and state meets. She placed second in the district and fourth in the regional. These performances qualified her for the state event, where she did not place.

"Even though I didn't place in the state meet, participating on that level was the biggest thrill of my track season," she said.

As a sophomore and a first-year member of the girls' track team, Carolyn should have time for many more thrills.

Lynn Spencer
Mary Stephens
Robert Stone
Sandy Sydnor
Wanda Terry

Vickie Spencer
Melvin Stephens
Wanda Stone
Debra Talley
Thomas Thaxton

Debra Stallings
Ruth Stephens
Patricia Stovall
Edith Talley
Kathy Thomas

Ethan Stanfield
Mark Stevens
Bobby Strader
Cynthia Taylor
Rebecca Thomas

Wanda Stanfield
Joanne Stone
Perry Sydnor
Ida Terry
Gayle Thomason

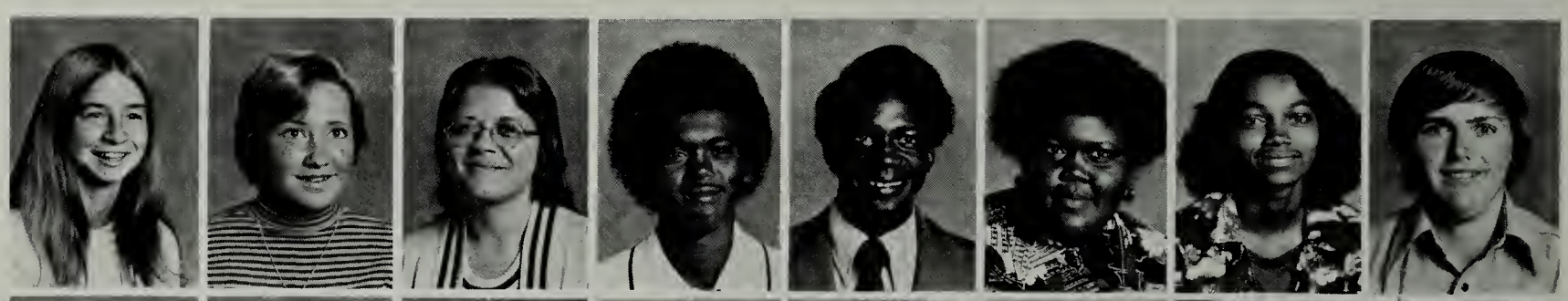
Linda Thompson
Mark Thompson
Presley Thompson

Richard Thompson
Dannie Thorpe
John Thorpe

Cheryl Throckmorton
Dean Throckmorton
Judy Throckmorton

Roadside picnic. Sophomores Leonardo Powell and Micah Hunt picnic along with other Comet musicians on one of the band's stops on its way to its performance at Walt Disney World.

Kathy Throckmorton
Phyllis Throckmorton
Wanda Throckmorton
Dennis Tillman
Michael Torain
Sandra Traynham
Diana Trent
Ralph Tuck



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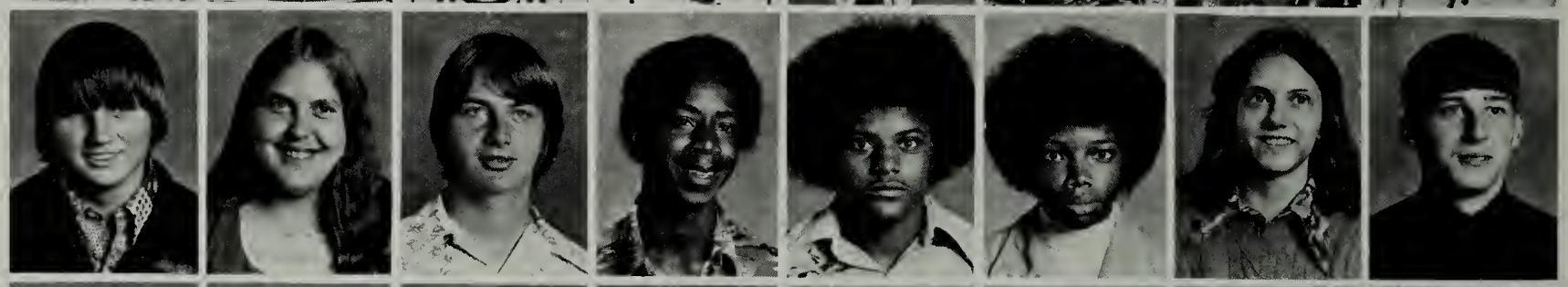
Vickie Tuck
Victor Tuck
Clarence Tucker
Larry Tucker
Rosa Tucker
Anne Tunstall
Martin Tusing



Marshall Tysinger
James Vaughan
John Vaughan
Rebecca Vaughan
Kenny Villines
Tony Villines
Brenda Walker
Cheryl Walker

Janet Walker
Prince Wallace
Wanda Wallen
Evelyn Waller
Charles Waltman
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Amy Wilburn
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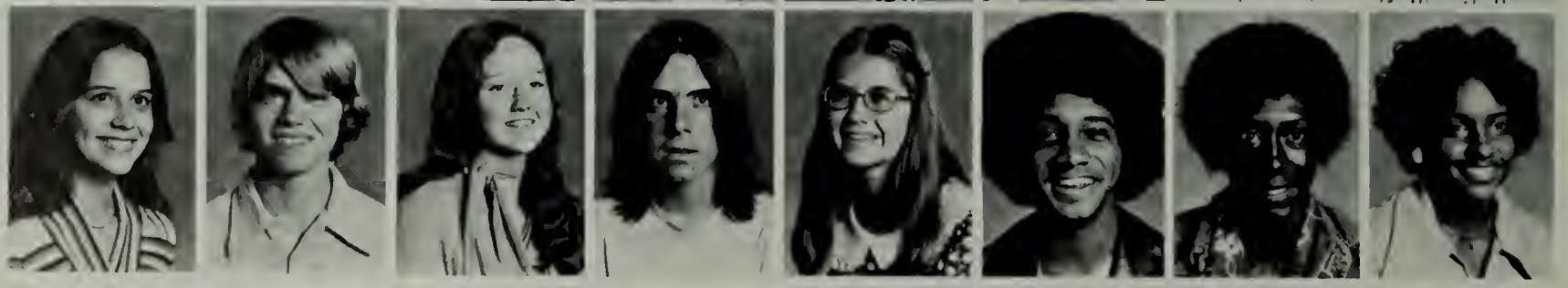


Traditional prom chore

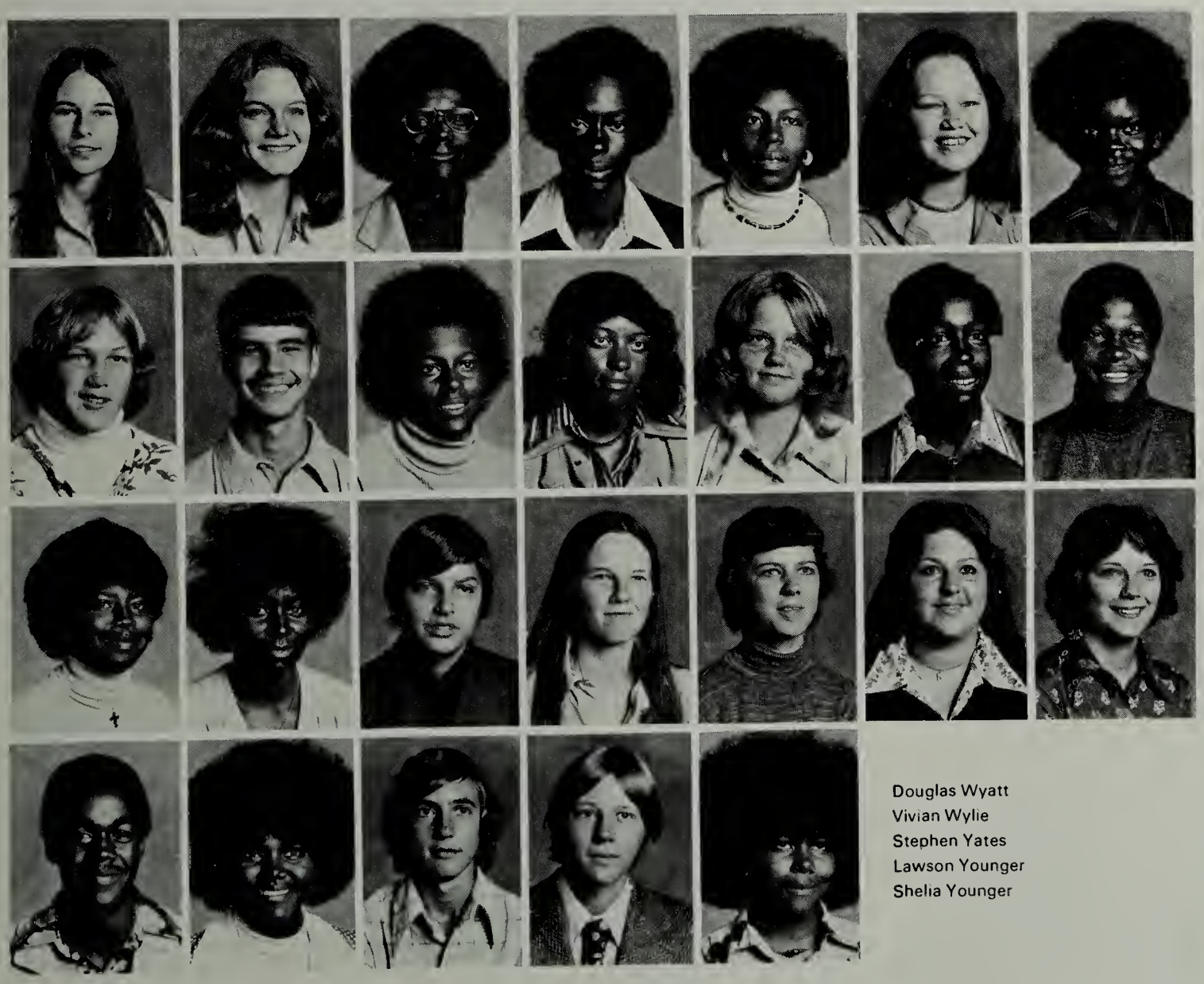
Saturday chore. Ten a.m. rolls around early for sophomore Shelby Heath and Sara Saunders and their sponsor Mrs. Martha Avery as they help to clear away the last remnants of the prom the night before.

Juniors, seniors and their dates danced to the prom's Bicentennial "By Dawn's Early Light" theme, but it was the sophomores and their homeroom sponsors who had to clean up the gym and lobby the next day.

Approximately 40 sophomores turned out for the class's traditional chore of clearing away what remained of the prom's decorations.

After sweeping away the last bits of red, white and blue paper, pulling thousands of staples from the bleachers and placing all the cafeteria furniture in its correct place, the sophomores left the gym with only a memory of its music-filled, glamorous night before.

It takes days to create a prom but only a couple of hours to erase it.



Donna Williams
Katherine Williams
Landron Williams
Ray Williams
Sandra Williams
Cheryl Wilson
Ernest Wilson

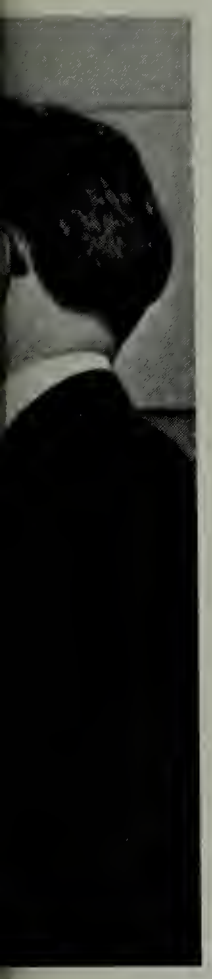
Sammy Wilson
Stephen Woltz
Anna Womack
Annette Womack
Donna Womack
James Womack
Kevin Wood

Venessa Woodey
Susan Woody
Timothy Woosley
Teresa Wray
Sharon Wright
Teresa Wright
Vanessa Wright

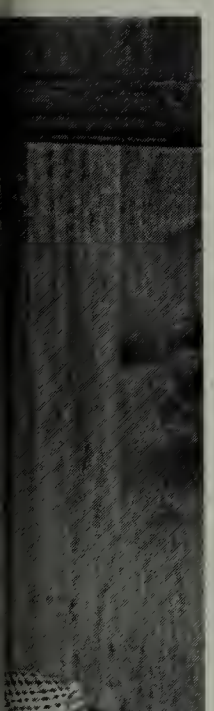
Douglas Wyatt
Vivian Wylie
Stephen Yates
Lawson Younger
Shelia Younger

First diploma. The initial hand shake of graduation night goes from Mr. Udy C. Wood, superintendent of schools, to Bill Abbott. Mr. Wood presents all diplomas, assisted by Principal Dr. L.M. Venable.

Policy pose. The Board of Control approves policy for the high school. They are **(seated)** Dr. George Chappell; Mr. W.W. Wilkins, chairman; **(standing)** Mr. Garland Childrey; Mr. Keith Overstreet and Mr. Chestley Hargrove.



Mr. Frank Chaffin
Assistant Superintendent



Mr. Julian Harrison
Director of Transportation

Everyone had to tighten his budget

It came like a speeding bullet and ricocheted through the school system. A five per cent cut in state educational funds to localities was decreed by Gov. Mills E. Godwin because anticipated revenues from state taxes did not materialize. Everyone had to tighten his belt and his budget.

This problem was the major one that faced the School Board and the Board of Control during the year. Should athletic and other extra-curricular activities be curtailed? Should teaching positions be eliminated? Should instructional materials be rationed? Would the Board of Supervisors appropriate additional local funds to cover the state loss?

As winter came, the School Board wrestled with those questions. The supervisors did not come through with more funds so budget savings were effected. The most notable of these was the not hiring of substitutes for regular teachers when they needed to be absent. Teachers gave up planning periods and patrons in the community stepped in to man the classrooms.

Budget emphasis continued into the spring. Members of the central staff and principals attended meetings in the different areas of the county to explain the budget for the coming year and to answer any questions that patrons had about school matters. "These meetings were most beneficial and answered a real need," one school official said.

Money matters were not the only concern of the School Board. Noting the low reading scores of the area's students, the Board chose reading development as the emphasis for the year's instructional program. They also reinstated semester exams for the junior and senior high schools. Both patrons and students requested the change since they felt that the no-exam policy was a disadvantage for students who were going to college.

'Dr. V' calls roll once more

The bell sounded and students worked eagerly to finish their last night's homework. Unnoticed, a man walked into the room and sat down at the teacher's desk. He smiled because of the discussion which was going on between the students.

"What's number seven?" one panicked pupil wanted to know.

Dr. L.M. Venable replied, "There's no need to worry about that. Tha homework is not due until tomorrow. The teachers has left some class work for you to do today on the board. Now, let's get started."

A brave but discreet student asked, "Where's the substitute?"

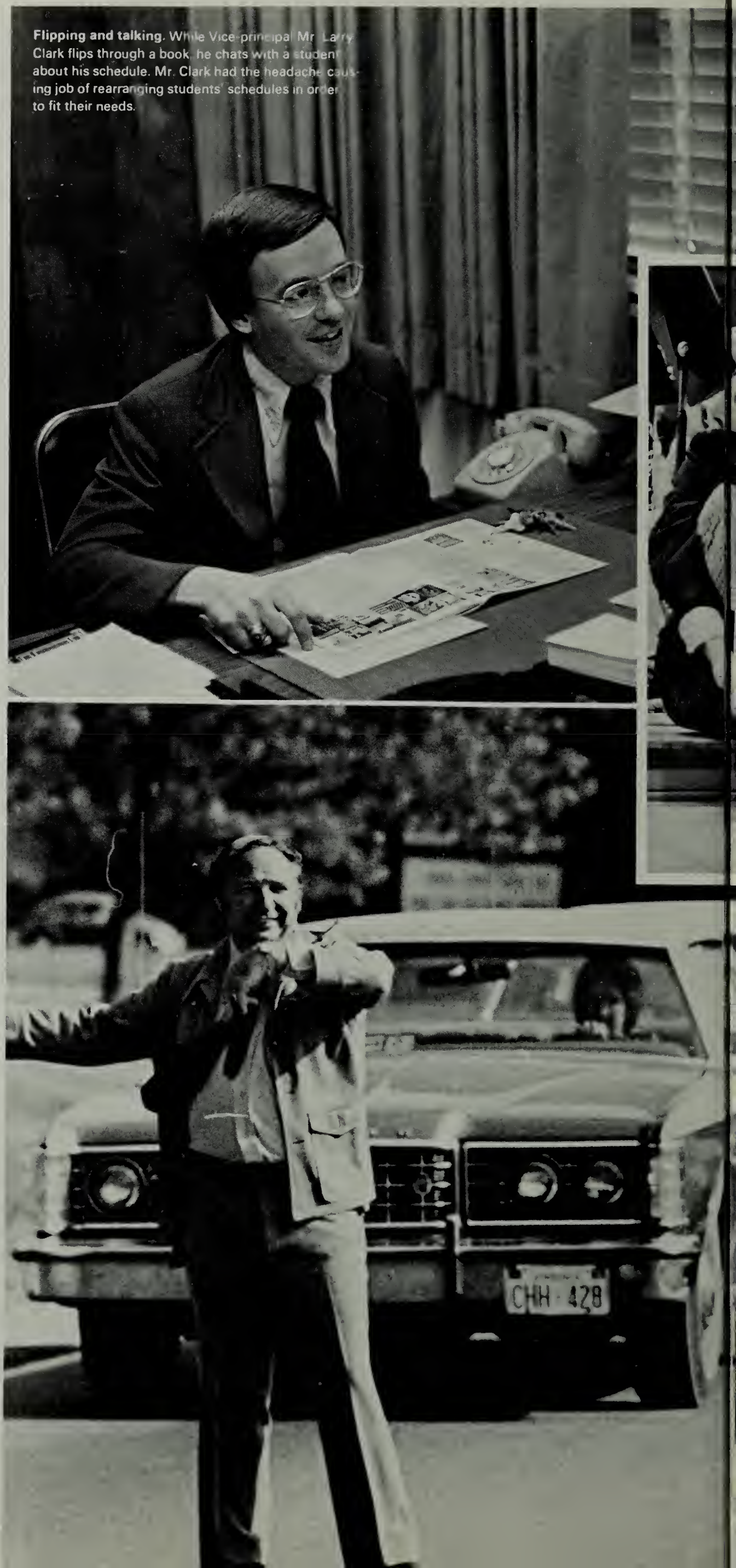
Dr. Venable laughingly replied, "I am the substitute."

At first the above was a rare occurence, but after Governor Godwin cut five percent of the state's education budget, some changes had to be made to reduce the cost of running HCSH. In the beginning, the students were told that all night activities including the basketball games had to be cancelled. The chance for the state championship was thought to be hopeless. However, in order to retain the night activities, the principal and vice-principals went back into the classroom to substitute, as well as the teachers who gave up their planning period to fill in for an absent teacher.

Not only were the administration and faculty called upon, but Mr. Udy C. Wood and his staff were also asked to substitute. All of the administrators were called on at least once.

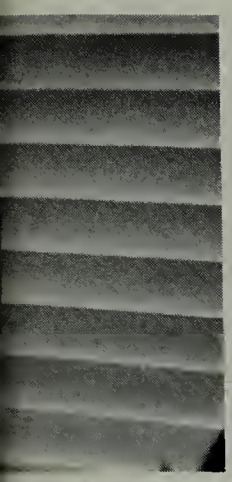
When asked for his opinion, Dr. Venable stated, "I would rather do this than cut back on night activities at the school. I enjoy getting back into the classroom."

Flipping and talking. While Vice-principal Mr. Larry Clark flips through a book, he chats with a student about his schedule. Mr. Clark had the headache causing job of rearranging students' schedules in order to fit their needs.



Principal turned cop? To aid the buses and motorists, Dr. L.M. Venable directs traffic and allows the buses to pull into the school. The Sheriff's Department usually did this job, but failed to show.

Rapping with students. For some of the school's administrators, lunch time is only a time for eating. Not so for Vice-principal Mr. Bill Vanney. He laughs and jokes with students in the cafeteria.



Santa's present. Vice-principal Mr. Carl Furches tries on his Christmas gift from Santa at the Christmas assembly. Mr. Furches' job is disciplining, but he did not give Santa a yellow slip.

Keeping time. Vice-principal Mr. Harry Wilson records the time of all incoming buses in the morning. Aside from this duty, he kept check on all bus drivers and buses.

Teachers help willing students

Developmental reading

On his way. Coach Tyrone Powell leaves the driver's education tower enroute to Comet baseball practice. Coach Powell devotes his free time to the Comet team.

All teachers care about their students, but there are some special teachers who even sacrificed their planning periods for their students' benefit. Mrs. Pamela Latt, Mrs. Eva Crews and Mrs. Shirley Ingram were such teachers.

These teachers were involved in a federally funded reading program known as the Hoffman Reading Program. The teaching methods concerned with this program were unique. Candy bars and tickets to games were given as rewards for exceptional improvement. Mrs. Latt explained, "The students could earn candy bars for completing a unit and tickets to games or assemblies if they had a good record of improvement."

The Hoffman Program involved two processes. The first of these was an audio-visual method. In this stage, a student listened to a story on an album while reading along. After listening to the album, the student read a story on a similar subject and studied the vocabulary. Then he moved on to the second process known as HELPS, which utilized the language arts stressing written work.

Mrs. Latt stressed the differences in remedial and developmental reading. She explained, "in remedial reading, a student is working at his own level which is usually below his own grade, but in developmental reading, a student can be on any level, and he must have the ability to improve."

Because of these teachers' efforts, many students were able to improve their reading level.

Always busy. Working with the Hoffman Reading Program keeps Mrs. Pamela Latt occupied all day; her only break is for lunch.

Mrs. Freeda Akers: Shorthand, Business Education Department Chairman
Mr. James Albright: ICT 11, 12, VICA Adviser
Mrs. Wanda Albright: English 11
Mr. George Anderson: Agriculture III

Mrs. Martha Avery: P.E. 10, 11-12, Gymnastics and Girls' Track Coach
Mrs. Corlys Ballou: English 10
Miss Bessie Bandy: English 10, Reading Improvement
Mrs. Nancy Barden: Drama, English 11, Play Director

Mr. Thomas Berry: Government, JV Football Coach
Miss Helen Blow: Business Mathematics, General Business
Mr. Andrew Bohanon: Audio-visuals Director
Mr. Archie Bohanon: DE I, DE III, DECA Adviser

Mrs. Elizabeth Brade: Typing I
Mrs. Elodia Brade: Guidance
Miss Mary Brooks: Algebra II, Plane Geometry, National Honor Society Adviser
Mrs. Deborah Burchette: Special Education

Mr. Robah Burke: Metal Working, Manufacturing
Mr. James Burton: Drafting
Mr. Frank Burwell: Art I
Mr. Maurice Bush: Black Studies

Mr. Charlie Cage: English 10
Mr. James Cardwell: Agriculture I, II, Agriculture Department Chairman
Mrs. Anne Cochran: P.E. 10, Girls' Tennis Coach, Girls' Volleyball Coach
Mrs. Helen Coleman: General Business, Business Math

Mrs. Ann Conner: English 12, English Department Chairman
Mrs. Nancy Conner: PSC Geometry, Math 10, FTA Adviser

Mr. Elvin Dyer: P.E. 10, Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach, Assistant Track Coach
Miss Diane Eberly: Biology

Miss Suzanne Creasey: Special Education, Special Olympics Chairman
Mr. John Crittenden: P.E. 10, 11-12, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, JV Basketball Coach

Mrs. Carolyn Elliot: Biology
Miss Cheryle Ferguson: Biology

Mrs. Thelma Crowder: Librarian, Hi-Y Club Adviser, Tri-Hi-Y Club Adviser
Mrs. Annie Daniel: Home Economics II, Home Economics III

Mr. Richard Fitz: Journalism I, Journalism II, "Star" Adviser, "Haliscope" Adviser
Mrs. Mary Fletcher: Recordkeeping, Bookkeeping, FBLA Adviser

Mrs. Willie Daniel: Recordkeeping, Clerical Office Practice, FBLA Adviser
Mrs. Tammy Daniels: American History, World History, FTA Adviser

Miss Margie Ford: English 10
Miss Barbara Gilbert: French I, II, III, IV, Spanish I, French Club

Mrs. Mary Davis: Consumer Chemistry, Physical Science, Science Department Chairman
Mr. Patrick Davis: American History, Government

Mrs. Glennis Greenwood: Clothing Management, Marriage and the Family, Food Management, Child Development, Home Economics Department Chairman, FHA Adviser
Mrs. Barbara Haugh: Guidance

Mrs. Elizabeth Dawson: Family Living
Mr. David Dunn: English 10, "Galaxy" Adviser

Miss Mildred Henderson: Algebra I, Algebra II
Mr. Robert Holmes: Refresher Math

Teachers do more than teach

Leader needed

"Teach." This is the usual response to the question: "What do teachers do?" However, instructing classes was not the only job all teachers had. Many teachers also sponsored clubs and coached teams.

For example, Mrs. Nancy Barden, speech and drama teacher, had four extra responsibilities as she was the sponsor of the Drama Club and the Broadcasting Club, the play director and the forensics coach. As the Drama Club leader, she had to be present at all the meetings for guidance and supervision. Mrs. Barden assisted the Broadcasting Club by listening to their tapes; and as the forensics coach, she selected the participants, helped them choose selections and coached them.

Probably the most time consuming task was directing the school plays. Mrs. Barden read plays during the summer to find suitable ones to be presented by the drama students. She was in charge of directing each play that the students performed. Mrs. Barden enjoyed her extra jobs and volunteered to do them because "students who want to participate can't without a leader."

Mrs. Barden was typical of many teachers who served above and beyond the call of duty. Others like her gave their time to train and coach teams, sponsor clubs such as the Hi-Y, and even to chaperone dances. To many teachers, these extra activities were only an extension of their teaching duties.

Talent scouts. Judging participants in play tryouts was just another function of some teachers such as Mr. Gary Waynick, Mrs. Nancy Barden, Mr. Richard Fitz and Mrs. Rebecca Ramsey.

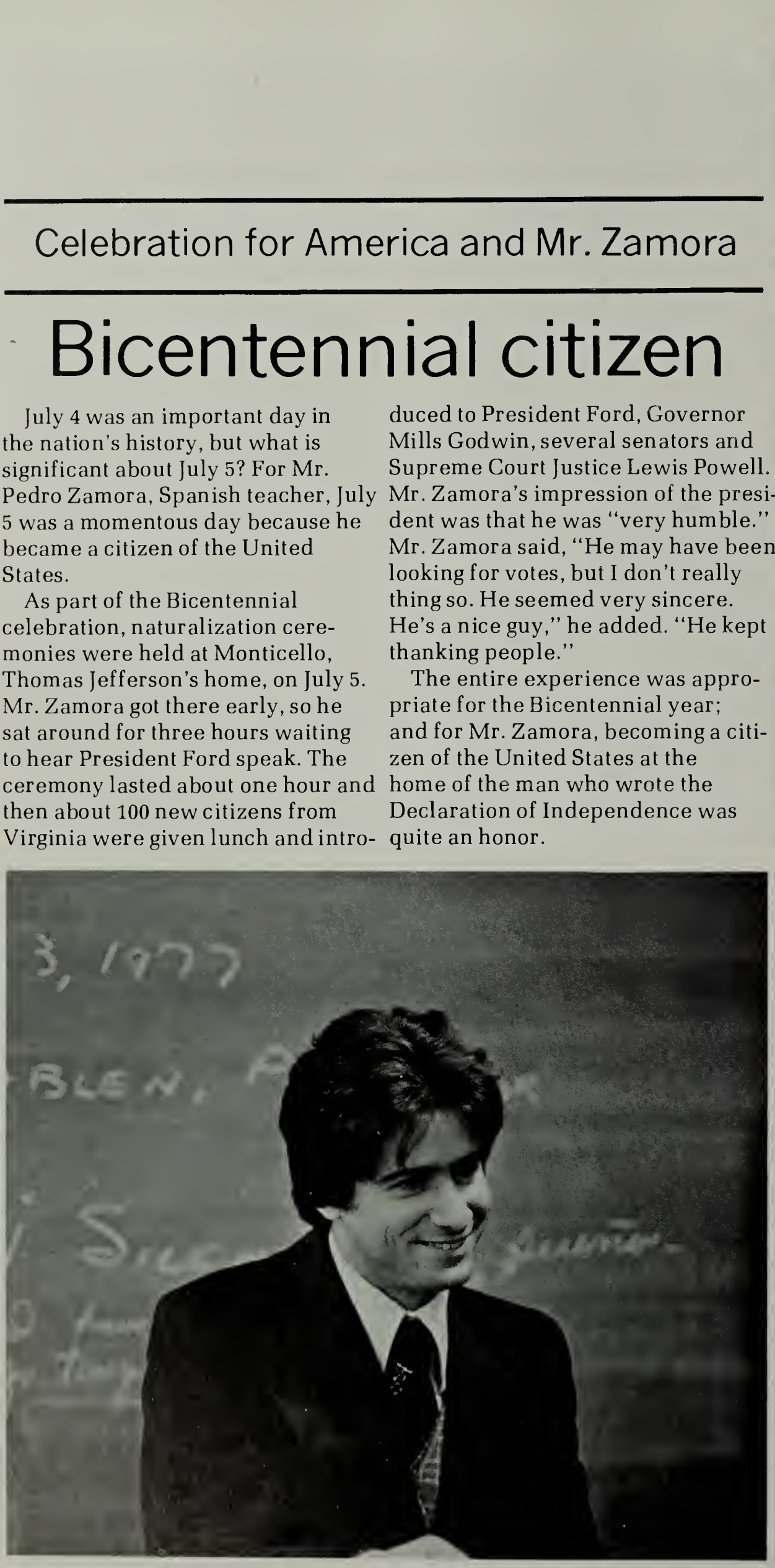
Celebration for America and Mr. Zamora

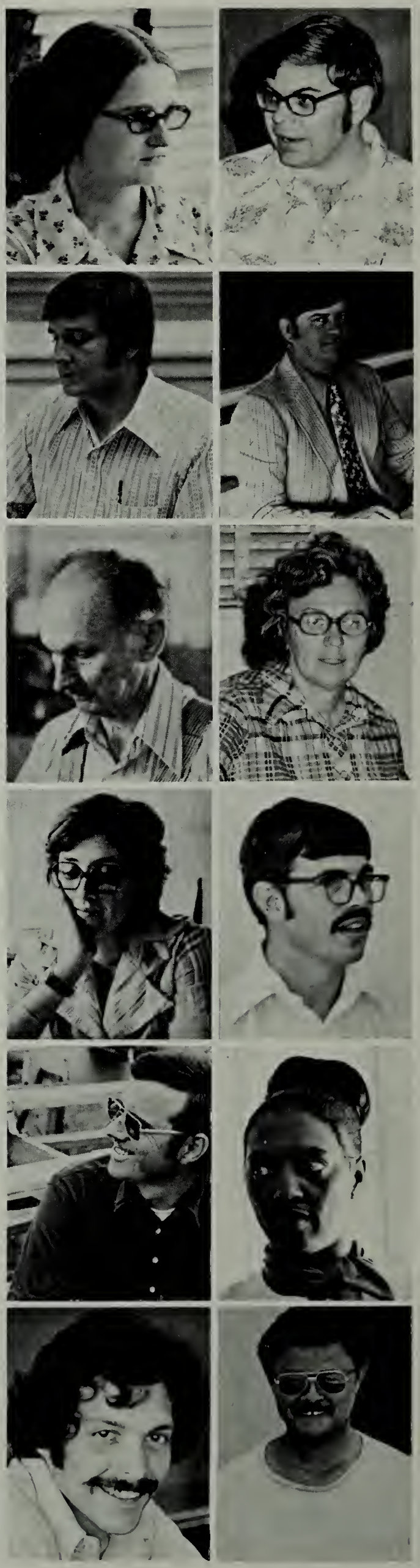
Bicentennial citizen

July 4 was an important day in the nation's history, but what is significant about July 5? For Mr. Pedro Zamora, Spanish teacher, July 5 was a momentous day because he became a citizen of the United States.

As part of the Bicentennial celebration, naturalization ceremonies were held at Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home, on July 5. Mr. Zamora got there early, so he sat around for three hours waiting to hear President Ford speak. The ceremony lasted about one hour and then about 100 new citizens from Virginia were given lunch and introduced to President Ford, Governor Mills Godwin, several senators and Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell. Mr. Zamora's impression of the president was that he was "very humble." Mr. Zamora said, "He may have been looking for votes, but I don't really thing so. He seemed very sincere. He's a nice guy," he added. "He kept thanking people."

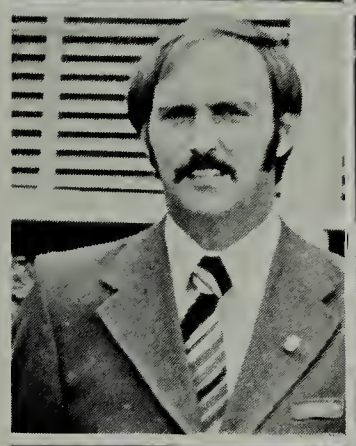
The entire experience was appropriate for the Bicentennial year; and for Mr. Zamora, becoming a citizen of the United States at the home of the man who wrote the Declaration of Independence was quite an honor.





Historic smile. One of the notable events of the Bicentennial celebration was the granting of citizenship to new Americans at Monticello, July 5. Mr. Pedro Zamora, Spanish teacher, became a citizen on that historic occasion.

Mrs. Eunice Holt: American History, Majorettes' Sponsor, Jr.-Sr. Prom Sponsor
Mr. Terry Holt: American History, Majorettes' Sponsor, Jr.-Sr. Prom Sponsor
Mrs. Emily Martin: Biology
Miss Frances Mitchell: P.E. 10, Girls' Physical Education Department Chairman, Basketball Coach



Mr. Joseph Hyatt: Guidance, Baseball Coach
Mr. John Johnston: Algebra III, Trigonometry, Introductory Analysis, Algebra I, Math Department Chairman
Mr. William Moore: ICT 11, ICT 12, Cheerleading Sponsor, VICA Adviser
Mrs. Rose Murray: Guidance, Medical Careers Club Adviser

Mr. Currie Lacks: Agriculture Shop
Mrs. Raynell Lantor: Guidance Department Chairman
Mrs. Catherine Overstreet: Biology
Mr. George Paige: Woodworking, World of Construction, Industrial Arts Department Chairman

Mrs. Pamela Latt: Reading Consultant
Mr. David Lawson: American History
Mr. Leon Palmer: General Business, Recordkeeping
Mr. Wayne Palmer: Agriculture IV, V, FFA Adviser

Mr. Wayne Lloyd: Driver Education Department Chairman, Varsity Basketball Coach
Mrs. Lissie McClam: Art III, IV, Art Department Chairman
Mrs. Martha Penick: English 11
Mr. Randolph Perry: Special Education, Wrestling Coach

Mr. John Marsalla: Biology, Assistant Wrestling Coach
Mr. Bristol Martin: Driver Education, Track Coach
Mr. Tyrone Powell: Driver Education, Assistant Baseball Coach
Miss Shiann Price: English 12, National Honor Society Sponsor

Insistent index. With curved index finger, Mrs. Bess Dawson calls to one of the students who participated in the Special Education Olympics.

Concerned gazer. With tennis balls in hand, tennis coach Mr. Mickey Vanney intently watches the action on the court.

Mr. Wilton Ragland: Attendance Counselor
Mrs. Rebecca Ramsey: English 11, Assistant Play Director
Mr. Ronald Ramsey: P.E. 11-12, Boys' Physical Education Department Chairman, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Assistant Track Coach
Mr. Sam Riddle: D.E. I, D.E. II, DECA Adviser

Miss Victoria Riley: English 11, English 12
Mr. Frederick Stafford: P.E. 10, Cross-Country Coach
Mr. Coleman Starnes: Government, Head Varsity Football Coach
Mrs. Lynda Starnes: Government, Sociology, Economics

Mr. Samuel Stephens: Math 10
Miss Adell Stokes: English 11
Miss Julia Tuck: World Geography, World History, Social Studies Department Chairman
Mr. Thomas Vanney: American History, Boys' Tennis Coach

Mr. Carolyn Wagner: English 12
Mr. Don Waldo: Government, SCA Sponsor
Mr. Robert Wall: Stage Band, Camerata, Advanced Band, Mixed Chorus, Music Department Chairman, Comettes' Sponsor
Miss Evella Watkins: Biology

Mr. Gary Waynick: Latin I, II, III, IV, Latin Club Adviser, Medical Explorers Adviser
Mrs. Mary White: Typing I, II
Mrs. Ann Whitehurst: Family Living, Food Management, Child Development
Mrs. Virginia Whitlock: English 12

Mrs. Norman Whitted: Typing I
Mrs. Edna Wilkerson: Librarian
Mrs. Kathryn Wilson: Algebra I, Plane Geometry
Miss Sally Wilson: English 10, World Literature

One day in the life of a teacher

No easy job

To the majority of students, teaching probably seems to be an easy, rather unexciting profession. However, members of this notable profession know exactly how much time and effort is consumed in just one normal school day.

American history teacher Mr. Terry Holt on a day in late May would serve as a good example. He arrived at 8 a.m. Once he entered his classroom, he graded any makeup work lying around and reviewed his daily lesson for presentation. Then Mr. Holt spent about 10 minutes giving individualized instruction to a student. As the majorettes' sponsor, he had to discuss some plans about Awards Day with them.

From 8:20 to 9:00, he had door duty and supervision of halls. The 9 o'clock bell rang; first period began with the checking of attendance. As this particular day was test day for Mr. Holt's American history classes, he first answered any last minute questions and then gave their test and supervised the testing.

During homeroom, Mr. Holt checked the roll and listened to the day's announcements. His second and third period classes usually had the same work as his first period class: a test.

Mr. Holt had planning period during fourth period. He usually took only twenty minutes of "A" lunch for eating; he then worked on his afternoon class plans. He also had another short conference with a student before he made out lesson plans for the next day.

His fifth and sixth period classes usually ran on the same schedule. On this particular day, he bagan the class discussion by orally reviewing the previous day's lesson. His informal lecture covering the 1920-30's produced questions from students which led to a classroom discussion. At the end of each period, he made an assignment for the next day.

After sixth period, Mr. Holt had another student conference before he left school at 3:40. However, his school work did not end with his leaving the building.

That evening, from 7:00 to 8:30 he began grading papers. He worked from 8:30 to 9:10 making out a test for the next day. He resumed grading papers at 9:30 and finally finished at 10:40. He then prepared the final plans for the next day's lesson. Mr. Holt's school worked stopped at 11:15.

Desk top teaching. U.S. history teacher, Mr. Terry Holt, stops his lecture on the causes of the Civil War long enough to listen to a student's question

Miss Frances Woltz: Head Librarian
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Where's my food? The cafeteria staff feeds all of the hungry students that stand in those long lines each day. The working cafeteria staff also has the responsibility of preparing other meals for special events held at the school.

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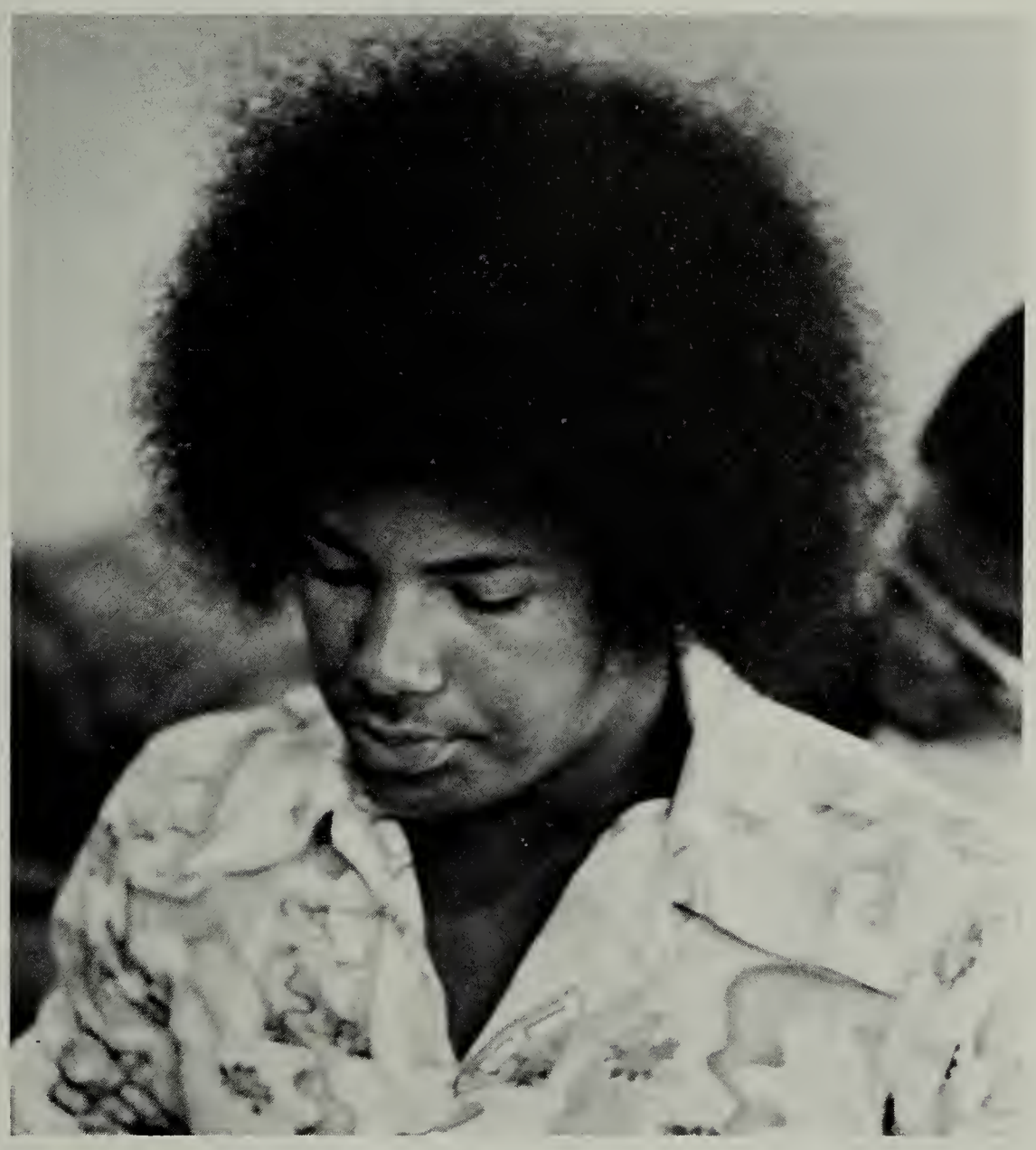

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Grin and bare it. Students like Ann McLaughlin take advantage of spring's arrival by spending free time outside on the school's front lawn.

Rebounding. In a game against Person County, Comet teammates Marvin Fallen and Lee Wilkinson struggle for a rebound.

Blood donor. Students and faculty gave blood to the local Bloodmobile during the year. Mrs. Rebecca Ramsey prepares to donate blood in the gym.

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The end of 180 days of memories, the end of a book

So it has come to an end, 180 days of memories and 200 pages of a book telling the story of 1976.

It began on a rainy day in homeroom for 2106 people beginning a new school year and ended on a warm summer evening in the stadium when 588 seniors became 588 graduates.

In between those two big occasions, other events demanded attention. The Bicentennial prom, the Homecoming dance, the Christmas assembly with Coach Starnes as Santa, the funny "Rally Round the Flag, Boys."

And the other times, the quiet but even more important times. Exchanging class rings, waiting at the locker in the morning for that special person to "hurry up and get to school," breaking up at lunch for the third time, making up between fifth and sixth periods for the fourth time. Neil Sedaka could write a song about that too.

And the games. And the times in Brooks' math when you didn't know the answer and in Dunn's English when you did.

Mrs. Santa. Debbie Frank poses as Mrs. Santa Claus on the Latin Club's float in the Christmas parade. The parade was sponsored by local merchants.

Class Day music. Members of the reed section of the band perform while the seniors march in for Class Day.

Ho!Ho!Ho! Santa Claus paid a surprise visit during the Christmas assembly and gave humorous gifts to students and faculty members. In reality, Santa was none other than Mr. Coleman Starnes.

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People create vivid memories

Betty Barker

And the people. Always the people. They create the most vivid memories. Country Ed. Happy Hill. Lisa. Kelly. Frank. Mr. Waynick (wasn't he sharp). Geronimo. Karen. Sue. Sally. Joni. Lee. Charlene. Marvin. John. Sandy. Darla. Curtis. Pee Wee. Ricky. Mae. Regina. Mark. Leslie. Randy. Lester. Randy Paul. Jerome. Cherokee. Dr. V. Charloe. Yolanda. Well, everybody.

And through it all ran the Bicentennial. It wasn't a big thing with us. Some red, white and blue bulletin boards, a July 4 parade, Bicentennial license plates in the crowded parking lot, colonial costumes at the prom. It was a quiet celebration, just enough to keep us aware that it was the year of America's 200th birthday.

But in the future it won't be difficult to remember when all these memories were born. It was 1976.

Robert Overstreet

Jennifer Whitt

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Harvey Barksdale

Cheering them on. Comet fans boost their team with yells at a home game against the Eagles of GW of Danville.

Yolanda Gomes

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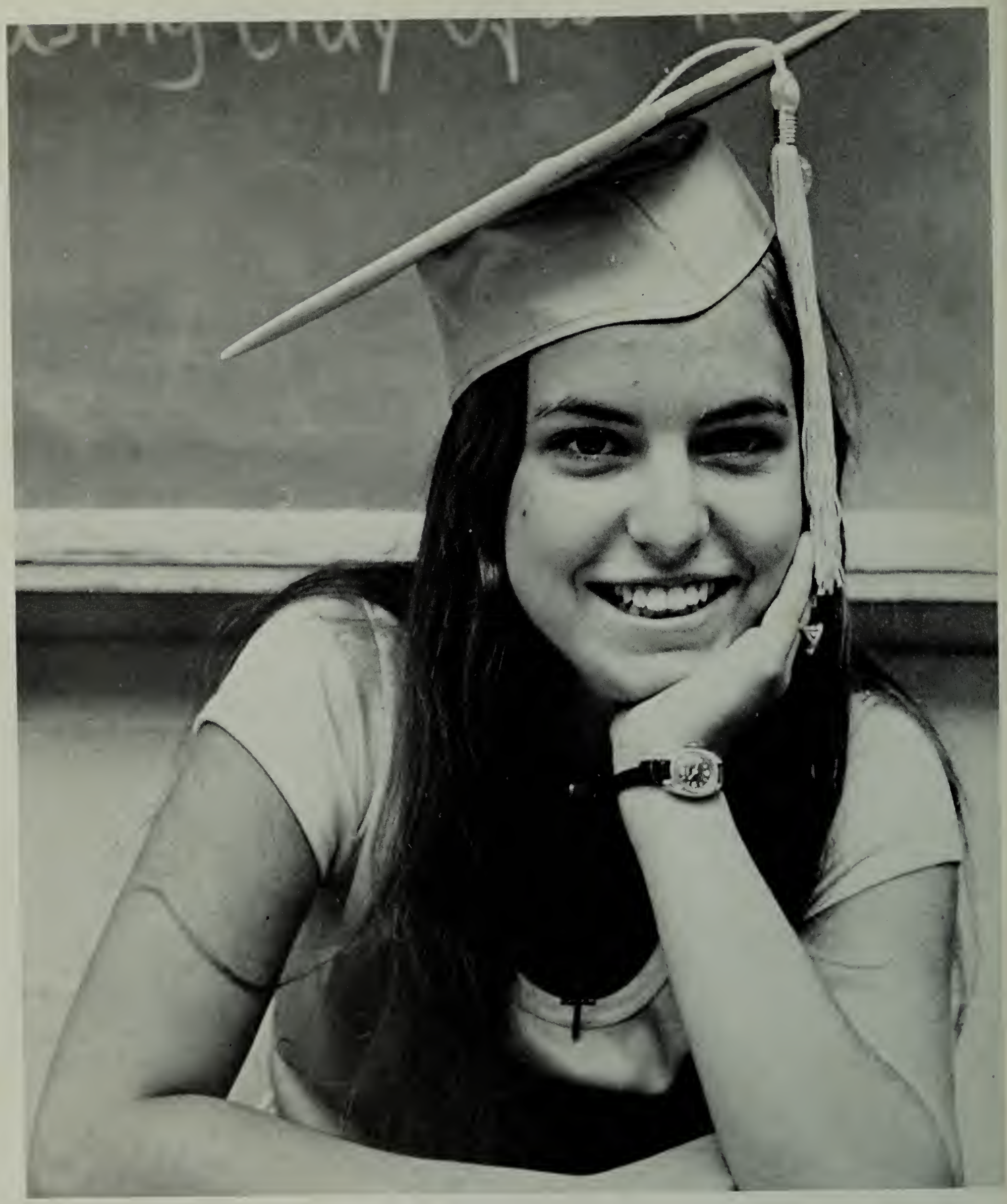

Sue Wilkins

And 1976 was quite a year